

IN THE FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Doings of those serving their country on land, on the sea, and in the air.

Contributions welcomed for this column—Phone 780.

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Bennett, 59 Millard Ave., have received a prisoner of war card from their son, Pte. Roy Bennett, saying that he is well and not to worry. Pte. Bennett was reported missing in Italy Sept. 6. He enlisted in the infantry when he was 18, going overseas three days before last Christmas. He celebrated his 21st birthday on the Italian front. He trained at Newmarket, Camp Borden and Debert, N.S., before going overseas.

Leading Seaman Don H. Johnson, R.C.N.V.R., returned to New York Sunday after spending seven days leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Johnson, Huron St.

Mr. and Mrs. David Moulds have received mail from their son, Cpl. Ivan Moulds, who is now in Belgium.

Capt. R. B. Canham is home for Christmas from Debert, N.S. Mrs. H. E. Choppin has received word that her son, Lieut. John ("Jock") Choppin, is serving inside Germany. In a recent letter Lieut. Choppin told of having dinner in Antwerp with Capt. Jack Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Patterson.

O. Sig. Gordon Cockburn, New York, spent two days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cockburn.

Flying Officer Lawrence Benville, son of Mrs. Violet Benville, Newmarket, is stationed in Germany.

Petty Officer Bob Benville has been promoted to the rank of chief petty officer.

Cpl. Mervyn Broughton, who has been stationed at Ipperwash, has been transferred to Debert, N.S.

Sgt. Merlyn Widdfield of the R.C.A.F. is stationed at Patricia Bay, B.C.

Squad-Ldr. Gordon Ough, E.O. Harold Rutledge and P.O. Wm. Jelley are in the same camp in England.

HOME ON LEAVE

Pte. Gordon Rowland, son of Mrs. Thos. Rowland, returned to Newmarket Sunday to spend a 30-day Christmas leave after being overseas five years.

PRESUMED DEAD

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Country Fascinating, Sgm. Wesley Shier Writes From North

Mr. and Mrs. John Shier, Newmarket, have received an interesting letter from their son, Sgm. Wesley Shier, who is stationed at Hay River, about 800 miles north of Edmonton. Part of the letter follows:

"Maybe I told you while I was in Edmonton we took a short weather course. So that week we finished it on the Tuesday and received our hundred dollars expense money to buy necessities and for any stopovers we might have along the way due to bad flying weather. Incidentally we did have one at Fort Smith for six days which cost us nearly five dollars a day for room and board at the MacKenzie Hotel, operated by Hudson Bay Co.

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Christmas Greetings

From the Publisher and Staff of The Newmarket Era and Express

SANTA VISITS S.S. PARTIES

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH

Trinity United church held its Christmas program for the Sunday-school classes on Friday. Santa Claus was a not unexpected and very welcome visitor. A program of carol singing and recitations and music was put on by the members of the classes. Part of the program included: recitation, Joyce Allen; piano solos, Ross Cotton; dialogue, A Christmas Lesson by primary dept.; piano duet, Norina Walker and Eleanor Hewson; recitation, Grant Morton; quartette, junior girls; vocal duet, Patsy Brown, Shirley Beare; recitation, Shirley Beare; playlet, Going to Grandma's, junior dept.; piano solos, Taylor Gilbert; recitation, Jerry Duffield.

SALVATION ARMY

Capt. H. Maclean was chairman at a Christmas concert held in the Salvation Army citadel on Queen St. last evening. The hall was packed to capacity.

The program consisted of solos, duets, dialogues and instrumental items. During the course of the evening several telegrams arrived from the guest of the evening, Santa Claus, who arrived before the end of the program and presented each child of the Sunday-school with a gift, candies and an orange.

Later in the evening Santa Claus called on a number of sick members of the Sunday-school.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Santa Claus called at the Christian church Sunday-school concert on Friday evening and delighted the children.

The junior, primary and beginner departments of the Sunday-school entertained their parents and older members of the Sunday-school with exercises, recitations and choruses. The double trio of the junior choir sang several numbers. A review of the program of study in the primary department was given by the superintendent, Ralph Rumball, and a number from the department. The department is studying the Gospel of John and illustrations are made on the flange and with maps and charts. Santa gave the children a treat and remembered the teachers and officers also.

HOME AFTER FOUR YEARS

Spr. Aubrey Patterson, 15 Botsford St., arrived home yesterday after four years overseas. Spr. Patterson was wounded twice in Italy. He has 30 days leave before reporting for medical treatment.

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MAIN ST. DEC. 12



Newmarket motorists had no easy time digging their cars out after the storm early last week. Fifteen inches of snow fell in Newmarket blocking the streets and walks. It was Wednesday before some luckless motorists had cleared their cars of the drifts.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Adams, North Bay, will arrive in Newmarket on Friday to spend Christmas week with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Adams.

—William Apps, R.C.A.F., Toronto, will be in Newmarket Sunday visiting his mother, Mrs. Thomas Apps.

—Miss Mary Stickland, Toronto, will spend Christmas with her brother-in-law, sister, and niece, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Ash, and Betty.

—Miss Ethel Atkinson, Toronto, will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. E. Atkinson.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Bate, Holland Landing, Miss Lillian Bate, Toronto, and Mr. Harold Ellis, Toronto, will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Bate.

—Misses Vera and Lois Geer, Toronto General hospital, and Mrs. T. R. Hilliard, Niagara Falls, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Geer, for the weekend.

—Misses Vera and Alexandria Belugin will be home to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Belugin.

—Mrs. E. H. Adams has returned from a month's holiday in the United States.

—Miss Yvonne Jones, Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Geer's Christmas guests will include Mr. Geer's mother, Mrs. S. Geer, and Miss Florence French, Toronto General hospital. Their three daughters will also be with them for Christmas.

—Mrs. R. V. Matthews, Toronto, will spend Christmas with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Matthews.

—Mrs. H. W. Armstrong and Mrs. N. D. Wallace were in Toronto on Sunday visiting Mrs. Armstrong's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Pearson, and family, and Miss V. P. Millard, who is in a Toronto hospital.

—Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Beare, Markham, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Stewart A. Beare.

—Mr. and Mrs. Stewart A. Beare will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Milne, Green River.

—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beer and the twins will spend Christmas in Toronto with Mr. Beer's mother, Mrs. E. C. Beer.

—"D" Squadron held a Christmas party on Thursday at the Citizen-Soldier club which has recently been redecorated. Col. and Mrs. Newton Young and company commander, Major Eric Bottrill, were present. A dance was held upstairs while other entertainment and refreshments were enjoyed downstairs.

—Miss Joyce Irwin, Toronto, will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Irwin.

—Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Irwin will spend Christmas with Mr. Howard's father, Mr. Edward Howard, at Islington.

—Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hughes will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Staley.

—Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hunter and Kenneth, Malton, will be Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hunter.

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Costumes Of Women In Holland Puzzling To Canadian Soldiers

"This is a rather belated acknowledgement of the two cartons of cigarettes which I received from you during the last month," Gnr. Kenneth Johns writes in a letter of appreciation to the Newmarket Veterans' Soldiers' Comforts fund. "As usual they were very much appreciated. These days our supply lines are so long that transport is quite a problem. Quite rightly priority is given to rations, petrol and ammo, and so our Canadian smokers are very slow in making an appearance.

"Most of us figure, however, that only having seven English cigarettes a day is a small sacrifice to make for a quicker victory and the speed with which the Canadians have been mopping up this district in the past week makes me very optimistic of a speedy, unconditional surrender.

"At present we are mucking our way through the mud and water of Holland. A considerable percentage of the country is under water, thanks to the Jerries' vain efforts to keep us out and except for the dykes the land is so low that almost every field is a swamp. Our vehicles are doing a marvellous job of pulling through the deep mud and it is surprising the small number that actually get bogged down. For the most part, the roads are built on top of the dykes and in the stretch we covered today, Jerry had laid hundreds of mines on the edges and also under the cobblestones of the road itself. Our engineers are working night and day and so far have neutralized the greater part of them.

"I've seen more prisoners being marched to the rear in the past week than I've seen altogether since landing but then we were on the outside edge of the Falaise trap and missed seeing the biggest haul. For the most part the Germans here seem to be of low category. They are either very young, from about 15 to 18, or over 35. Their clothing is very light and they are a miserable looking bunch of wretches walking along in the cold damp winds that blow up here. Some time ago our division captured a big warehouse in which the Germans had all their winter clothing stored. In no time at all practically every Canuck was wearing a parka designed for the Russian front. They're really excellent and it's quite amusing to see the Jerry prisoners staring at them and pondering on these strictly unorthodox Canadian soldiers.

"The Dutch people are very friendly but not quite as hospitable as the Belgians who in turn were not quite as enthusiastic as the French. Of the three, however, the Dutch are by far the most picturesque as far as dress is concerned. Of course they all wear wooden shoes and the most of the men wear queer little flat hats with a wide brim somewhat similar to those I've seen on Quakers back in Canada.

"But it's the ladies or rather I should say, the married women, who really surprised us. I'm no expert on female dress and so I can't explain the queer arrangement of aprons, shawls, sashes, pinafores, and petticoats that make their costume so quaint but it's the bonnets that

catch your eye. They all wear white bonnets close to the head with one lock of hair rolled and

showing at the front with the hat fastened to the hair by metal clasps at each side. These clasps protrude about four inches and at the end is a little shiny piece of metal almost like a mirror. These little ornaments have completely baffled the boys as far as usefulness goes and so they came to the conclusion that their presence enables a lady to see what the people in the back seats of the church are wearing without turning their heads.

"Oh, yes, I almost forgot to mention the windmills. No one will believe I'm in Holland if I don't mention the windmills. There aren't quite so many of them as I expected and I'm sorry to say that our artillery has given a few of them the appearance of having been attacked by Don Quixote.

"When I began this letter I really intended it to be just a thank you note but I seem to have become wound up. The evenings are so long now that there is nothing to do but read or write or go to bed. It seems like I'm seldom in a letter-writing mood.

"By The Era and Express, which I receive somewhat sporadically, I see that Dr. Dales has good intentions for the future of the arena. Now that the townspeople own the rink I do hope they will seriously consider making it a recreational centre. I must confess that I found the old town pretty quiet before I came over and I am sure that after the restless life that we have had over here it will be quite a job to settle down to the peaceful life of a civilian. In my opinion a roller rink and dance floor would go a long way to curbing excess energy and boredom. A swimming pool would make a perfect home-town and would really settle the time-honored argument that prevails in the army concerning whose home-town is the best.

"Although I know there are a lot of Newmarket boys on the continent, I haven't seen many. I met Wes. Niles at Dieppe and once when I was thumbing into Exton, a town north of Ghent, I was picked up by a jeep whose driver turned out to be Sammy Brymer. It's quite a treat to meet someone you know although I'm lucky to be in the same troop as Bob Dixon. We have some grand reminiscences."

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JUST A RUMOR

There is a rumor going the rounds, something about Santa Claus being killed, shot full of holes by the Eskimos as we heard it. But it isn't so. Santa is alive and well and pretty busy preparing for his annual tour on Christmas Eve.

As for the rumor, we first heard it about this time years ago and have been hearing it regularly ever since. It is as much a part of pre-Christmas celebration as decorating the Christmas tree. Parents seem to feel they must go through the routine or else their Christmas is not complete.

The joke is on the parents though. For no matter how much they may insist that Santa has had some trouble at the Pole and won't be around this year, their children never quite believe them. Santa Claus is too alive in our traditions to be erased by a parental fib.

Santa will come as he has always come with a word or a gift for all. He will be more generous with some families than others but none will escape his infectious spirit. Santa Claus is a symbol of good will, of cheeriness and friendship, and all share his blessings.

GOVERNMENT BY EXPERTS

In this increasingly complex age, it is argued that matters of state and policy are too far above the head of John Public to trust his judgment on them. It is felt that he should be consulted on minor problems only, leaving matters of major importance to be settled by the "experts", the men in the know.

This line of thought has always existed, varying in degree according to local conditions. It is doubtful, however, whether world conditions have ever been so conducive to this attitude as they are now. Total war, ideological and economic in cause; the complexities of international relations; the domestic changes the war has brought, price control, subsidies, and so on. Their sum total is so bewildering in its magnitude and scope, that few men are able to give a complete explanation to even a small part of these things. So, it is felt that the handling of these matters is best left to the experts.

James Burnham, in *The Managerial Revolution*, cites examples of this attitude as applied to industrial enterprises. He notes the increasing reliance placed by owners upon managers. The owners are withdrawing from direct contact with their businesses to the offices of policy makers, leaving the actual work of production to managers and foremen, trained experts in the one line of endeavor. The owners lay down policy; the manager puts the policy into effect. Mr. Burnham sees the same thing happening in government. A minister decides the policy to be followed but it is the "bright young men" or the "dollar-a-year-men" who work out the means of effecting that policy. It is an efficient and, undoubtedly, a necessary system, but like all matters of government, unless checked by the scrutiny of the people, the system is likely to become separated from public interest and start on the road to dictatorship. Say the proponents of this attitude, the public is not aware of all the details involved, the public can't grasp the issue in its entirety. It is far better for us to be allowed to work in our own way with no questions asked.

How true is this argument? In studies of public opinion in the United States, it was found that there were many instances when the majority were in favor of doing something long before the government was prepared to act. In 1935, seven in ten in the U.S.A. favored a larger army and navy. Eight in ten favored a larger air force. This, at a time, when John Public was considered too busy recovering from the depression to interest himself in national safety. Other instances are the three of every four who wanted an embargo against Japan in 1938; the three to every two who wanted the Selective Service bill passed through Congress in 1940.

The judgment of John Public is not infallible but his batting average is high enough to answer the argument that he isn't sufficiently well informed to handle his affairs through his elected representatives. The sooner the proponents of "let the experts do it" thinking realize this, the sounder our way of government will become.

FARM RADIO FORUMS

Once a week, the National Farm Radio Forum is on the air. The program usually takes the form of a round table discussion on some aspect of farming. Local forum groups assemble to hear the broadcast and following it, continue the discussion. The proposals of the radio speakers are mulled over, decisions are reached and a report of these decisions is sent to the forum headquarters.

It is impossible to estimate the worth of these broadcasts. The advantages are numerous, the most important of which is the encouragement to community co-operation. For example, it is useless for one farmer to apply methods of preventing soil erosion on a large scale unless he has the support of the whole district. Soil erosion is not a matter of one farm, it is a condition affecting a district which may embrace many farms. If the farmers are brought together in mutual understanding of what their neighbor is trying to do, the chances of success are greatly increased. This, the Farm Radio Forum accomplishes in a very great measure.

Through its method of discussion, decision and action, the resentment that arbitrary orders cause is avoided by the forum. The participants of the forums are able to reach decisions of their own and a man will always act with greater willingness and spirit on his own decisions than those

Almost as important is the contribution that Farm Radio Forums make to community life. Those attending the forums gain a better understanding of their neighbors and the spirit of unity which is created carries over into other phases of community life.

What Others Think

PATTERN OF PRODUCTION IN 1945

(Farmers' Advocate)
The amazing thing about the dominion-provincial conferences, held each fall to determine the pattern of production in the following year, is that the "impossible" objectives set by the participants are usually reached and exceeded. The bountiful harvest of 1942 exceeded expectations and helped along the live stock production of 1943 to such an extent that quotas of the essential foodstuffs were met. In the conference last December the delegates pledged themselves to strive for 500 million pounds of bacon for Britain in 1944, and when the year is done the shipments will total close to 700 million pounds. On top of that, almost 100 million pounds of frozen beef will go forward this year, and Canada can supply more wheat than the railroads and ships can handle. Cheese production has been good, and poultry production is enormous. The results are amazing, because they have been accomplished with less manpower and with implements fast wearing out.

Another conference will be held in Ottawa on Dec. 4, 5 and 6 to learn what the requirements are for 1945, and what the prospects are of maintaining or increasing the volume of production. The overall picture remains much the same as the beginning of the year, and if the war in Europe should end during the coming winter or early spring, the demand situation will change very little. Military authorities and UNRRA will need vast quantities of food and fibre with which to put the liberated people on their feet. Furthermore, battlefields must be readapted and the tools of production, in some cases, provided. It takes some time to beat swords into ploughshares.

Too much praise cannot be directed to rural people for the magnificent job they have done, but we must not forget the fact that rain and sunshine have produced two excellent crops in the last three years, and thus have blessed the efforts of husbandry.

POST WAR TRANSPORTATION

(The Liberal, Richmond Hill)
Municipal leaders in the north Yonge district should be giving some thought to post-war transportation on Yonge St. Transportation facilities are an item of major importance in the building and development of any community. If the north Yonge St. district is to progress and develop the district must be served by the best possible transportation service.

The north Yonge radicals are now prospering and the municipalities reaping rich dividends on their operation. This however is no time to sit back and enjoy the profits with no thought of the future. It is too much to expect that with the return of normal times the services as at present will be sufficient to serve the needs of the district. People use the line in paying proportions today, because they have no other means of transportation. With the relaxing of gas and rubber restrictions it is possible the line would lose a great many of its passengers.

The problem for the people interested in the development of the north Yonge St. district is to plan now for the best possible transportation service after the war.

Double tracking has been suggested as a means of speeding up the service. This along with speedier cars, and possibly an express bus service from the city limits direct to downtown Toronto would give the people of north Yonge St. a popular transportation service.

Whatever the solution, now is the time to face the problem and plan for the post war period.

FUTURE OF FREE ENTERPRISE

(The Huntsville Forester, Huntsville)
Down in Ottawa a few days ago, an authoritative voice was raised in a note of warning which should be heeded across Canada. It was that of Fred McGregor, whose job is the difficult task of administering the Combines Investigation Act—a job which fully qualifies him to speak with authority on such phases of our future economy as are likely to give rise to doubts and fears.

Mr. McGregor is a firm believer in free enterprise, but his voice is raised in warning against some abuses which have in the past brought discredit upon the exercise of our free enterprise system, and which will, if not corrected, endanger the whole principle of individual initiative. His warning is against a non-competitive economy; the destruction of free play for individual initiative through lack of free competition. He says: "If we are to make a system of free or private enterprise work, then freedom must exist for buyers as well as sellers. Public benefits as well as private benefits must be abundantly apparent. Real enterprise, individual initiative, must not be curbed by restrictive agreements designed to prevent the active competition of active competitors."

It is the existence of this sort of economic tie-up, which has given rise to movements which would threaten the whole system of private enterprise in Canada. The combinations of capital; the manipulation of markets, and the restriction of freedom in the buying and selling of commodities, must pass if individual freedom is to remain a dominant factor in our economic system. Mr. McGregor's warning words should be heeded, with nation-wide attention.

In Passing

We congratulate Pearl Gunn on her record of eight years of public school without either absence or lateness. Pearl explained her record by saying it was just that she hated to miss school, a statement that reflects great credit to her mother and her teachers.

We are disappointed with our favorite radio hero, the Green Hornet. We could have sworn that the voice of the villain on his last program was the voice of the villain the Green Hornet bested three weeks ago.



We know everything can't be as you'd like it, to feel it's a truly merry Christmas. But each of us still has much to be grateful for... especially for the right to worship as we please in this land of freedom. So season's greetings to you... and may your next Christmas be even merrier.

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NEWMARKET

Freedom of Conscience

By ORVILLE GANTON
The great tradition of political and religious freedom, which is Canada's heritage, is at present receiving a severe test. A few ambitious public men, clothed in the threadbare robes of false patriotism, are attempting to revive weird racial myths and persecute religious minorities.

A recent pamphlet by the council for adult education very appropriately points out "that without the continuous pervading influence of unforced religious devotion and moral conviction, no statesmanship can avail to make Canada a nation to live in, or to unite into one orderly society the diverse peoples of the world."

This profound truth was recognized as early as the sixteenth century when Leonard Busher, an English Baptist, wrote a book titled *A Plea for Liberty of Conscience*. Busher attempted to show that persecution is destructive of the reality of the church it is designed to protect. He advised the government of that day "to permit all sorts of Christians; yea Jews, Turks and pagans; so long as they are peaceable." In a tolerant regime, he argues, not only would truth prevail over error but also the state would profit by the loyalty of its subjects, peace would reign and prosperity would abound.

Religious and political issues in Canada come together in the tension between the French-speaking Roman Catholic majority in the province of Quebec and the English-speaking Protestant majority in the other provinces. This is the great problem of Canadian unity which is by no means solely a religious problem, although religion plays a part in maintaining the different cultural patterns.

Both in Quebec and elsewhere, the people on both sides ordinarily show a large measure of tolerance and goodwill. Canadians must accept the probability that they will not in any imaginable future become a homogeneous people, religiously and culturally.

This is a situation that has political dangers. These dangers can only be overcome by the cultivation of tolerance, forbearance and understanding. There is, however, a wealth of evidence to prove that the broadest tolerance prevails in Europe we have. Protestants and Catholics stand side by side against tyranny and both refusing to sanction persecution of the Jews. The French-speaking people of Quebec were the first to elect a member of the Jewish faith to a legislative assembly in Canada.

Canada would be vastly poorer today if there had been none who were willing to affirm the claims of religion and conscience, when these were challenged.

"Unless," wrote Milton, "you clear the horizon of your mind from the mists of superstition which arise from ignorance of true religion, you will always have those who will bend your necks to the yoke as if you were brutes."

These are indeed days when true Canadian patriots should beware of their prejudices.

25 YEARS AGO

From The Era and Express files, Dec. 19, 1919.

The temperature was 15 degrees below zero on Wednesday morning. The bursting of the water main on the corner of Main and Hotsford Sts. on Thursday caused considerable inconvenience and damage to the Imperial Bank. The cellar was half filled with water and the furnace was flooded.

There was a good market on Saturday. Eggs were 95 cents and \$1 dozen. Butter was 63 cents and 64 cents a pound. Geese were 28 cents, ducks and chickens 30 cents and turkeys 35 cents a pound.

The man who burglarized Duncan's store last week was captured and has been sentenced to four years at Mimico school.

On Sunday night two soldier patients escaped from Newmarket hospital. They entered the Christmas church and stole 14 choir gowns and stole \$100 of clothing from Dunlop's store. One of the men was sent to Burwash prison for three years and the other, an American, was deported.

Two resignations have been received by the secretary of the public school board to take effect at Christmas. Miss Buswell and Miss Ruth Hayes have resigned.

Sir Robert Borden is about to resign the presidency of Canada. Mr. John English has returned home after visiting friends in Midland.

50 YEARS AGO

From The Era and Express files, Dec. 31, 1891.

Tuesday's market was a good deal better than last Saturday and there was a fine lot of poultry brought in. Wm. Hutchison, offered the largest and finest lot of turkeys. He had 22, weighing 265 pounds. They were sold to one buyer at 74 cents a pound. Eight cents was the highest price paid for turkey. Geese sold at seven cents a pound.

Several men have resigned from the fire brigade and the officers are desirous of finding men to fill the vacancies.

Fred Burton had the four fingers cut off his right hand in an accident at Cane's factory this week. Duncan Munroe had two ribs broken in an accident, also at Cane's factory.

Fires on the Holland marsh made a bright reflection here on Tuesday night.

Sterling Chappell is feeling very well these days. He is 82 years old and last Monday he jumped over a gate four feet high.

A new store is being built on Hotsford St.

A quantity of clothing and other goods was taken from Chas. Lundy's store at the south end on Friday night. The store night 10 bottles of beer were taken from the Royal hotel.

Aurora residents are complaining of the street lighting there. They are said to be carrying lanterns to a glimpse of the small electric lights.

The Duke of York is planning to visit Canada in the spring.

Hugh C. Munroe has returned from Missouri. American life seems to have agreed with him.

Mr. Munroe, M.P., and E. J. Davis, M.P., attended the farmers' institute here on Wednesday.

NOISE COMPLAINT

A noise complaint came into a northern district last week with a check from the lady for whom it was made. As Mandy, the cook, could not write, she always endorsed her check with a big X. But on this occasion she made a check on the back of the check.

"What's the big idea, Mandy?" asked the teller. "Why don't you make a cross as usual?" "Ah got married yesterday, Boss, and I've changed my name."

POT POURRI

By GOLDEN GLOW

I think I have been living in a golden glow lately since so many letters from overseas have been coming in my mail-box, telling me how you boys overseas look for my Golden Glow column. I feel very modest about it, for I am so busy with half a hundred things all the time that I really haven't the chance to write what I'd like to in the way of an interesting letter to you all over there. But if you like my efforts, why most certainly I am only too glad to comply with your requests for more.

And may I send you my thanks through this column, for until after Jan. 1, 1945, nobody has a spare minute and I know I cannot possibly write personally. But I assure you I have certainly appreciated your delightful letters. In one letter from Belgium my correspondent had just received an early September Era, in which I had written about rambles around town, and he evidently went with me in spirit, or should I say, in memory, for he says "I could quite easily bring the picture of the different spots you describe to mind, after reading your article. One really misses those familiar places of quiet beauty—they spell Home." He went on to tell me about the cute little Belgian children in their fancy scarves and wooden shoes. He added, "You never saw so many blonde children in all your life as you see here. Once you give one of them a chocolate bar or a treat of that sort, it is hard to get away from them. I never thought children could be so starved for sweets as these Belgian children are."

From a Red Cross worker I heard about the "wonderful work done by the blood donors—she says she reads the names in The Era and Express, and wishes she could thank each one of them herself. Certainly we, over here in little old Newmarket, have only a very vague idea of the use of blood plasma in overseas hospitals, but knowing what a blood transfusion means in our quiet everyday life, we can well appreciate my friend's words on the vital subject. She says more and more donors are being brought to the hospitals every day with wounds of every description—and also that the need is greatest in the front line dressing stations, when an early transfusion will save many a life.

In a letter from Holland another says "My Era and Express comes quite regularly and I'm always greatly interested in your little Pot Pourri articles. They bring back such clear vivid pictures of our little home-town. Oh but it will be good to be back! Keep it up." In another letter from the Continent, here is a sentence—"It is surprising how much the scenery here resembles that at home. Take away windmills in some places, tiles and thatched roofs in others, and you wouldn't know you had strayed out of Canada. Just for a moment though, because there is always that subtle something which is lacking, and you are more acutely aware than ever that home is far away. Yes, we've travelled far and will travel farther, but still the old axiom holds 'There's no place like home.' Your overseas letters keep us in touch with home."

Well! we do try to give a full, true, detailed account of everything we can in the local town paper, especially with our overseas readers in mind. I do not think I'll add any more extracts from overseas letters this time, just let me say once more, as our boys all say, "Thanks a million," and I'll do my best—I promise.

Now I want to tell you how Mr. Weatherman spoiled the skating on the pond this year. Of course it may be all right again, but it does not look very promising. You see it started to sleet and snow on St. Andrew's

Day and kept it up Thursday and Friday. We were fortunate—for it played havoc with traffic in many other parts of the province. Sunday morning it fell to six degrees below zero in our town, and then began to moderate on Monday till we have been having a "January thaw" with buckets of rain ever since. Just what it has done to the pond, I can't say—but I can tell you this anyway—there was skating at the arena one night at least, and that was Monday, election night. But the "January thaw" was too much for it and the caretaker had to put up the sign "No Skating" and lock the doors to keep what ice he already had as a foundation. Yes, you boys and girls overseas, the arena now is ready for business, awaiting your return to civilian life.

Talk about elections—you never hear nowadays of torch-light processions with the band out to serenade the victors. I can recall when I was a youngster seeing a torch-light procession. I've never forgotten it. They had brooms soaked in kerosene—soaked for a week or so, I was told—and the young men marched down Main St. brooms for torches. I think I'll recall the horrible smell of them as long as I live. The band boys had funny little swinging lights on the front of their bandsmen's

caps to light their music. Those were the good old days when the band used to serenade folks in office and were treated to cake and coffee in winter or an oyster supper and ice cream and lemonade in summer. I guess it would be "hot dogs" now. Eh? Certainly not old-time ham sandwiches with butter as thick as the bread and a solid slab of juicy pink ham—a slice that "wouldn't bend," as the youngster said to his dad when he was carving the roast. Well—cheerio for this time, and if you feel like writing to me, I'll be glad to get your letters. Just address them "Golden Glow" for the post-master and helpers are used to that and put them promptly in my post office box. Happy New Year.

Grouch Corner

Appropriate enough in this weather is the grouch against that curious soul who, seeing you shiver in the wintry blasts, asks if you are cold.

BOOMERANG

The letter was, undoubtedly, composed very badly and the manager reproved the clerk who had written it.

"A man who does not make himself understood is a fool," he shouted. "Do you understand me?" "No sir," the clerk replied.



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KEN. HOWARD

Manager of Meat Department, Dominion Store



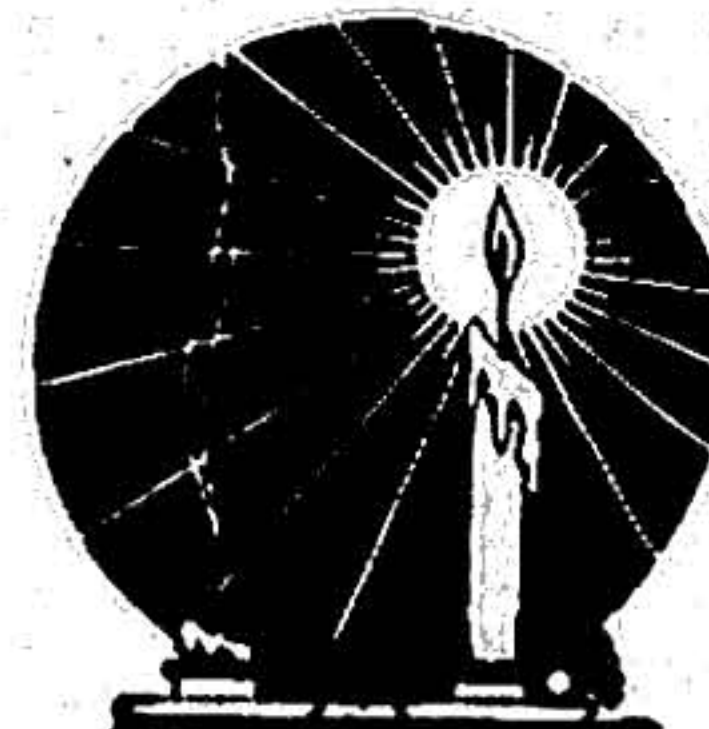
LET THERE BE JOY IN OUR HEARTS THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

It is with joy once again that we commemorate the birth so many long years ago of the Author of our standards of freedom and kindness. It is an anniversary to rejoice and give thanks for our inspired strength, and to re-establish our faith in the power of the just.

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A CHRISTMAS CAROL

By DOUGLAS WHITNEY
This, friends, is a Christmas story though stories of kindness shouldn't only bob up with Kris Kringle. Our tale is concerned with Robert Parker.

If you don't remember him, ask some of the older folks. Parker was once one of the leading character actors of the legitimate stage. For years he tramped the hinterlands in support of the great names. The week before Christmas always found Parker in New York at the centre table of the Leopards club, the noted actors' organization. The room was always well filled the week before Christmas. It is a tradition in show business that the weeks preceding Christmas and Easter are the worst in the theatre. Born of extremely poor parents, Parker had never forgotten the miseries of poverty. Each year it had been his custom to arrange a variety show, using the talent of the Leopards club. The money realized went toward the purchase of food baskets which were distributed every Christmas day from the lobby of the clubhouse.

When there was snow, instead of the carriage he would use a sleigh and, like Santa, set out on his annual round. It took a great deal of money but as a result Bob was beloved by everyone. Bob grew older and his stage engagements became fewer.

One day, at a club meeting, Bob stood up and addressed the members: "Gentlemen, I'm getting old. It's time for me to put away my grease paint and costumes and retire. Before doing so I want to extract a promise from the general membership. I ask that you gentlemen continue to run the annual Christmas basket benefit for the poor. I cannot assume the task any longer. Will you do this for me?"

Actors are a sentimental and generous lot. They promised Bob that the tradition would be faithfully maintained and honored him further by voting him a life member. And so, retiring from the scene, his visits to the club became infrequent. The baskets were forgotten.

A year ago Bob came back to the club a little before Christmas. He looked much older, his shoulders bent and his shock of white hair noticeably thinned. "Gentlemen," he said on rising, "this is probably the last time I shall address this group. I am an old man now. There is one favor I wish to ask you. As many of you may recall, the distribution of Christmas baskets was my hobby and sole interest outside the theatre."

His voice breaking, he continued: "I wish to request you to give once more your time and talents for a benefit, the proceeds to go toward the basket fund."

Moved by the appeal of their old master, the Leopards gathered all their resources and achieved an unusually successful response. Every prominent actor and actress within a day's travelling distance appeared. The theatre was jammed to capacity. A large sum of money was realized.

To Bob's supreme delight it was a white Christmas. Since he was too old and feeble to sit again on the driver's seat and guide two prancing horses, the club arranged



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for the needy to come for their baskets. All day Bob attended to the distribution. He took the subway home. His smile remained despite his weariness.

An hour later he was seated at a small table in a plainly furnished room. A tiny, white-haired lady sat opposite him. "Robert, will you carve, please?" she requested with marked deference.

"With pleasure, Mrs. Parker. White meat?"

"Yes, if you please, Robert."

"This is a wonderful occasion," he said. "Were you embarrassed, dear? I hated to do it, Mary. When you came to the head of the line and I handed you the basket, I was afraid that some of the boys would recognize you as my wife."

He seemed a trifle perplexed. "Strange I should have felt uncomfortable about it," he mused. "Surely two as poor as we deserve a Christmas basket, don't you think?"

SHARON

Miss Dorothy Gartshore, Wellesley hospital, Toronto, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred

Gartshore. Mrs. Bob Brisson has arrived home from the west and spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ramsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Copeland, Sprucedale, are spending a few days with Miss Nora Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Rogers, Bruce, John and Richard, visited Mr. and Mrs. Levi Weddell and family on Sunday.

Miss Doris Mackle spent the weekend at the Fountain home.

Herb Tait, from the west, was a recent guest at Wilfred Fountain's.

The Christmas service at the United church will be held on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Sunday-school is at 10:30 a.m.

The Era and Express may be purchased at Vernon's, Sharon.

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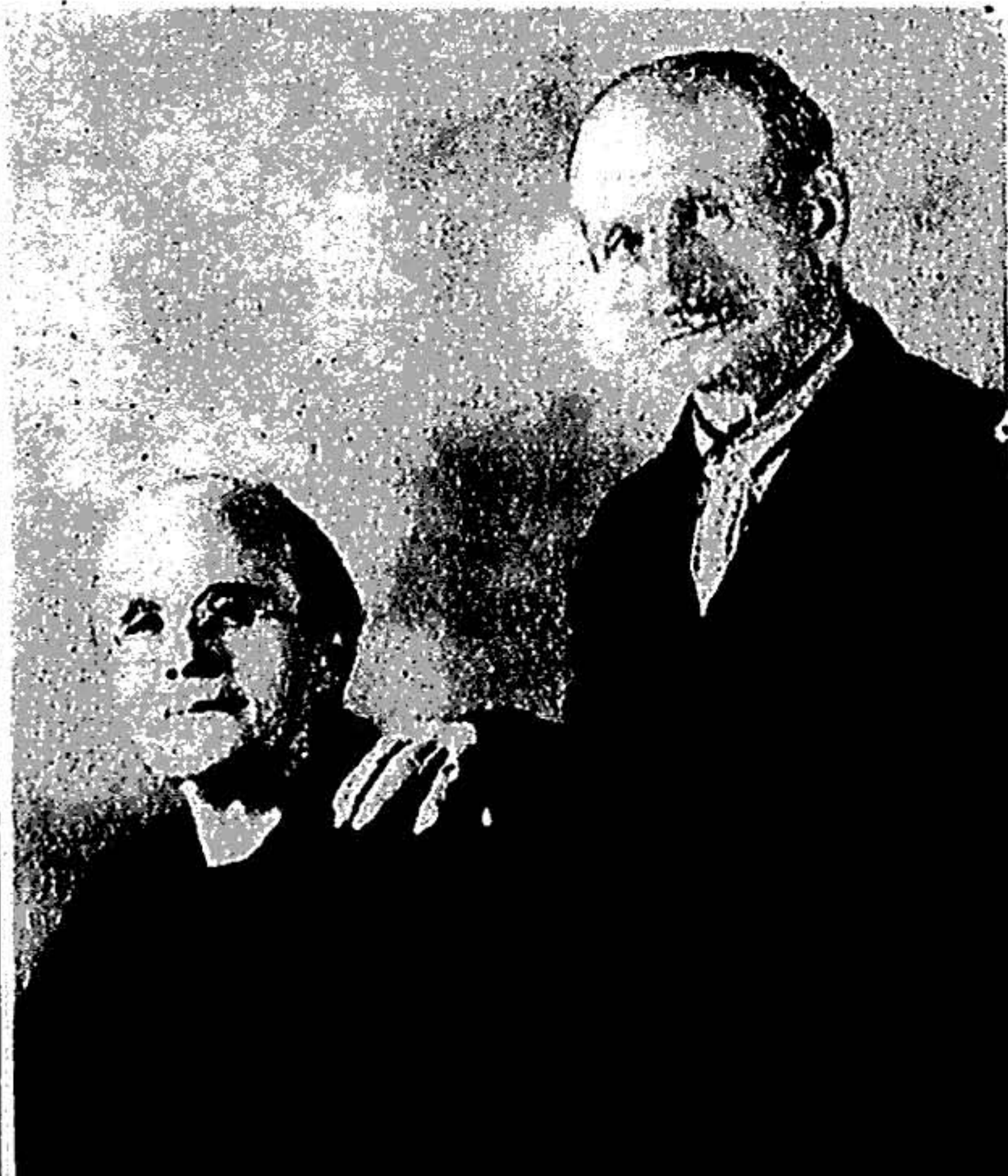
City Gal (sweetly)—"Did you know you had a pug nose?"

Rural Boy Friend—"Yeah, but I can't help it."

City Gal—"Do pug noses run in your family?"

Boy Friend—"Only in cold weather."

CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Holstock, Keswick, are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on the afternoon of Dec. 23 with a reception for friends and neighbors at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have four sons, Ross, Kenneth, Douglas and Jack. One son, Herbert, was killed in Italy. Besides Mrs. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Holstock have two sons, Ross, Mount Albert, who has three sons and one daughter, and Lloyd, Toronto, who has one daughter. There are two great grandchildren, Barry Scott Lee, son of Herbert Lee; and Gloria Jean, daughter of Ross Lee.

MRS. FRED ANDREWS PASSES SUDDENLY

A life-long resident of Queensville, Mrs. Fred Andrews died suddenly at her home Dec. 6. She was buried in Newmarket cemetery on Dec. 9 following services conducted by Rev. A. B. Stein.

Agnes Maria Andrews was the daughter of the late Natalie Parks and Daniel Lepard and was born in Sharon in 1870. She married Fred Andrews on Sept. 4, 1901. She was a member of the Christian church.

Surviving are her husband, one son, Morley, at home; a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth Rose, east of Mount Albert; and two sisters, Mrs. Geo. Peterman, Bradford, and Mrs. Lyman Heacock, Newmarket.

Pallbearers were: Lyman Heacock, Bert Peterman, Wm. Andrews, Fred Andrews, Bruce Andrews and Cephas Andrews.

Boys Receiving Fags Express Appreciation

Letters of thanks for cigarettes from Cpl. Gadsby and AB E. J. Mosley have been received by Alex. McIntosh, secretary of the Newmarket Veterans' Soldiers' Comforts fund. Cpl. Gadsby writes: "I've managed to see quite a bit of the English countryside and it is very lovely in the summer. It's just the opposite now. All the Canadians miss the snow though. It is going to take quite a lot of catching up after this war is over."

AB Mosley writes: "Today I received a very welcome surprise when the mail came aboard. I found a parcel and two cartons of cigarettes for me from the Newmarket Veterans. I do not smoke and when my cigarettes come, I give them around to the other fellows on the mess deck."

WIN AT EUCHRE

Winners at the Newmarket Veterans' Association euchre in the town hall on Friday evening were: Ladies, high, Miss M. Whyte; low, Mrs. C. Brymer; lone hand, Mrs. Alf. Smith; gentlemen, high, C. E. Gable; low, A. E. West; lone hand, Alex. McLean.

NOT NEGOTIABLE

Widowed mother—"No Sonny, I'm rich. I have you and Billy and you are worth millions to me." Sonny—"Then couldn't you take a mortgage on Billy and buy me a pair of roller skates, Mom?"



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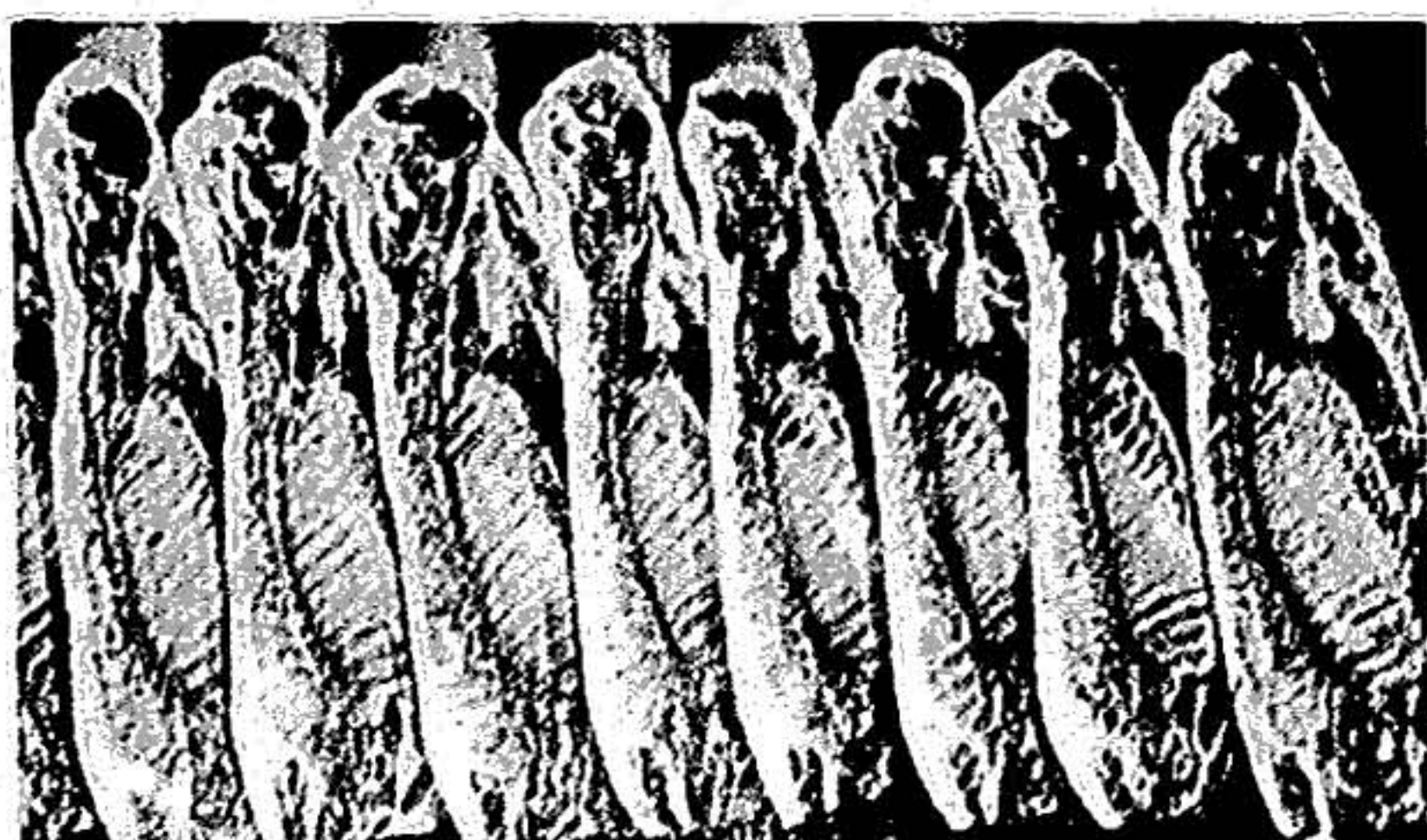


SEASON'S GREETINGS

May we at this time cordially express our appreciation of your friendship and good will with the hope that our service will continue to be a factor in the prosperity we wish for you during the coming year

DAVE LYON

Manager of Grocery Department, Dominion Store



Here's Proof For You!

The British bacon market is particular. Nothing but the best — and that means Grade A carcasses — will have a chance in the post-war purchasing period. Danish bacon will be making a powerful bid to regain its former preferred position with British importers. We've got to convince the British housewife that Canadian farmers can turn out a uniformly-sized, uniformly-fattened and uniformly-graded type of Wiltshire side!

Canadian farmers have a big investment in the bacon industry. There is absolutely no reason why this investment should prove unprofitable in post-war competition. Canadian farmers can and do produce hogs every bit as good as the former Danish hogs — and they have the added advantage of plentiful, low-cost feed to offset the disadvantages of long transportation.

Competitive hog production means that maximum use must be made of every growing day in the life of the hog, for costs rise with length of feeding. To market Grade A hogs in the 190-210 lbs. range in 5½ to 6 months requires scientific feeding knowledge. That scientific feeding knowledge is built right into SHUR-GAIN Hog Grower, Hog Fattener and Hog Concentrate. Don't run the risk of unprofitable production when results can be so certain THE SHUR-GAIN WAY!

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PINE ORCHARD

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McFarlane, Drake, Sask., are guests of their cousins, Mr. Sam Gibney and Mrs. Wm. Reid.

On Christmas Sunday a pageant entitled, The Divine Child, will be presented by the young people at the church service at the Union church at 2:30 p.m.

The severe snowstorm of Tuesday, Dec. 12, isolated residents for a few hours. The countryside gives promise of a white Christmas, lots of skating and sleigh rides.

The annual business meeting of the Union church Sunday-school was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Starr on Thursday evening, Dec. 14.

Mrs. B. Dike has been supplying in the junior room in the absence of Miss Betty Spence.

Don McCallum has accepted a position in Newmarket.

The Lions club Christmas fund needs your support.

The following is a reprint from News, a weekly paper, published by the author.

Rene Massigli, French ambassador to London, wrote lately in praise of a young English airman who died in battle over Amiens before France was freed. His tribute of gratitude crowns the story of a jail delivery stranger and more fantastic than any fiction.

The airman of whom M. Massigli wrote was Group Captain P. C. Pickard, D.S.O., and two bars, D.F.C. Many thousands on this continent will remember him as the young pilot of "F for Freddie" in the first and most famous of official British war films, Target for Tonight. A few score in England and France knew him as a leader in the picked group of pilots who had volunteered for the most perilous of lonely missions; carrying in and out of occupied France the Frenchmen who kept the lines open between England and the French Resistance groups. It was as one who had travelled with him that Rene Massigli wrote:

"The time has not yet come when it will be possible to reveal to the full what British airmen did in helping Resisting France. So much courage was demanded of them, so much ability and endurance when, on a moonlit night, they had to discover somewhere in the French countryside the field or glade that was their target. Among these admirable men Group Captain Pickard was one of the greatest."

Work with the French Resistance group came to have a pattern as known and accustomed to pilots like Pickard as the pattern of a bombing raid to men in bomber command. And out of that pattern developed one of the strongest and strangest of this war's loyalties, a loyalty to men known only by report, or under false names, speaking another tongue, working far away and in changing disguises. It was to rescue certain of these men, Frenchmen he had never known, that P. C. Pickard died, nine months ago, in an air attack on a German prison in Amiens, an action of which the official report lately released dims old tales of chivalry.

The action was planned as a jail delivery from the air, a meticulously organized effort to rescue from their Nazi executioners members of the French Resistance who had been condemned to death for the crime of

By JUDITH ROBINSON

helping Allied airmen to escape after they had been shot down over France. The French patriots, a hundred of them, were held in the Amiens prison just outside the city, on the Albert road. Resistance groups inside Amiens were partners in the plan. Their task was to meet the escaping prisoners after the bombers from Britain had smashed the prison walls and let them out, and to guide them to places of safety.

The raid was arranged for the day before that on which a large number of the prisoners were to be shot. Its leader was Group Captain Pickard. An Australian, a New Zealand and an R.A.F. squadron were chosen to make it and the three squadron leaders tossed a coin for the honor of leading the attack. The New Zealanders won and went in first of the three waves of planes.

All the fliers knew in what part of the prison the prisoners were housed. They had been shown on a scale model of the buildings which outer walls were to be breached and where the bombs were to be dropped to blow out the end walls of the prison block with least danger to the men inside. They knew where to look for the guides from the Resistance groups and at what time they should be there and waiting.

The three squadrons with their fighter escort crossed the Channel, flying low, swung around to the north of Amiens and came in on the appointed minute, at roof-top level, down the long straight road from Albert: "The first wave of six aircraft was detailed to breach the wall, the second to smash the ends of the prison and destroy the German guards' quarters, the third to effect any part of the plan which had previously miscarried."

The third wave, when it came in, found nothing to do, for no part of the plan had miscarried. A photographic reconnaissance plane, coming in last, was able to report seeing the prison ends blown down, the outer walls breached, prisoners already running from the blasted buildings towards the holes in the outer wall, patriots outside the wall coming to meet them, and dead Germans lying near the wreckage of the guards' quarters.

In due course, through the channels of the French Resistance, the airmen who had been on the raid learned that a great part of the hundred prisoners had got out and clean away, and that their rescue had put new heart into the Resistance in all that part of France. They learned too, of the manner of the death and burial of the leader of the raid, Group Captain Pickard.

He had pulled out of formation to get a better view of the bombing, had seen one of his own planes shot down and had come in close, apparently to try to see if the crew were clear. Two German fighters dived on him then and shot his plane down. It crashed a few miles from Amiens and the people of the nearby village took his body and the body of the navigator from the wreckage and tried to hide them from the Germans and bury them, themselves. But they were forced to give them up.

So it was the Germans he had outwitted for so long who buried the pilot of "F for Freddie" in a graveyard outside Amiens, but the French with whose sons and daughters he had worked and for whom he had died came to his burial in such numbers that the Germans dared not try to stop them.

ZEPHYR

Miss Hope, the junior teacher at Zephyr school, spent the weekend in Zephyr, not being able to return to her home owing to the weather and roads.

Miss Jennie Murray spent the past week with Mr. J. H. Lockie. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Norrison are the parents of a baby boy, born Thursday, Dec. 14.

Mrs. R. Shier spent the past week in Uxbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Horner spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. T. Coomer, Haldwin.

The public school Christmas concert will be held in the Community hall on Friday evening, Dec. 22.

WIN GEESSE

Winners of the geese at the Newmarket Veterans' Association euchre in the town hall on Friday evening were: Evelyn Crowder, 34 Millard Ave., Newmarket; E. B. West, Kettleby; Doris Boag, 63 Gorham St., Newmarket; Mrs. Joe Smith, Botsford St., Newmarket; D. Thoms, Newmarket; Doris McKelvey, 115 Main St., Newmarket; Mrs. Johnston, 3 Huron St. E., Newmarket; Carl Rose, Newmarket; Shirley Simmerson, 145 Prospect St., Newmarket; Ted Ballie, Newmarket.

The geese may be picked up at Brice's Meat Market on presentation of tickets.

NOT WHAT HE EXPECTED

He gazed admiringly at the beautiful but extremely revealing dress of the leading chorine in a rather risque show.

"Who made her dress?" he asked his companion.

"I'm not sure, but I think it was the police."

There were three buyers at the local market on Friday afternoon. There was a large quantity of poultry offered for sale. Chickens brought from 31 cents to 35 cents a pound, geese 34 cents a pound and turkeys 42 cents to 46 cents a pound.

Large eggs were 40 cents a dozen and medium eggs were 35 cents a dozen. Butter was 40 cents a pound.

Potatoes brought \$1.25 for a 75-pound bag.

Apples were 35 cents a six-quart basket.

Horse-radish was from 12 cents to 25 cents a bottle, according to size.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Christmas market was held on Tuesday afternoon. It was said to be the smallest of its kind in years. There were a few turkeys which sold at 46 cents and 47 cents a pound. Geese sold for 32 cents and 34 cents a pound. Chickens were mostly 31 cents and 32 cents with extra large ones selling for 35 cents a pound. Hens brought 29 cents a pound. Buyers paid 28 cents a pound for ducks. Retail price was 30 cents a pound.

Large eggs brought 40 cents a dozen and mediums brought 35 cents and 36 cents.

There were a few turnips selling at five cents each.

TORONTO MARKETS

Butter, creamery solids No. 1, was 35 cents a pound on the Toronto markets on Monday. Creamery prints, first grade, were 36 cents a pound.

Country dealers were quoted on graded eggs, on a cases free, delivered to Toronto basis, as follows: grade A large, 34½ cents; A medium, 31½ cents; and A pullets, 26½ cents a pound.

Nominal prices to the shipper on poultry were: spring broilers, 2 to 2½ pounds, 28 cents a pound; fowl, over 5 pounds, 25 cents a pound; chickens, over 5 pounds, 29 cents a pound.

Cattle trade was fairly active. Canners and cutters were cleared at \$5.50 to \$6.50, a few butcher steers and heifers brought \$8.50 to \$11, boners sold downward to \$8, butcher cows were \$7 to \$9, fed yearlings \$11.50 to \$13.50, and bulls \$5.50 to \$8.

Calves brought \$15 to \$16 for choice with other vealers downward to \$8 and a few grass calves \$6.

Lambs were \$12.50 to \$13, good ewes and wethers, with a few Southdowns up to \$14, bucks \$11.50 to \$12, and culls \$6 to \$8.

Sheep were \$2 to \$5.

Hogs were \$17.90 to \$18, grade A dressedweight, with sows \$13.25 dressedweight.

DOUBLE CHANCE

Lady Customer—"I see this medicine is advertised as good for man or beast."

Druggist—"Yea."

Lady Customer—"Gimme a bottle. Maybe that's just the right combination to cure my husband."



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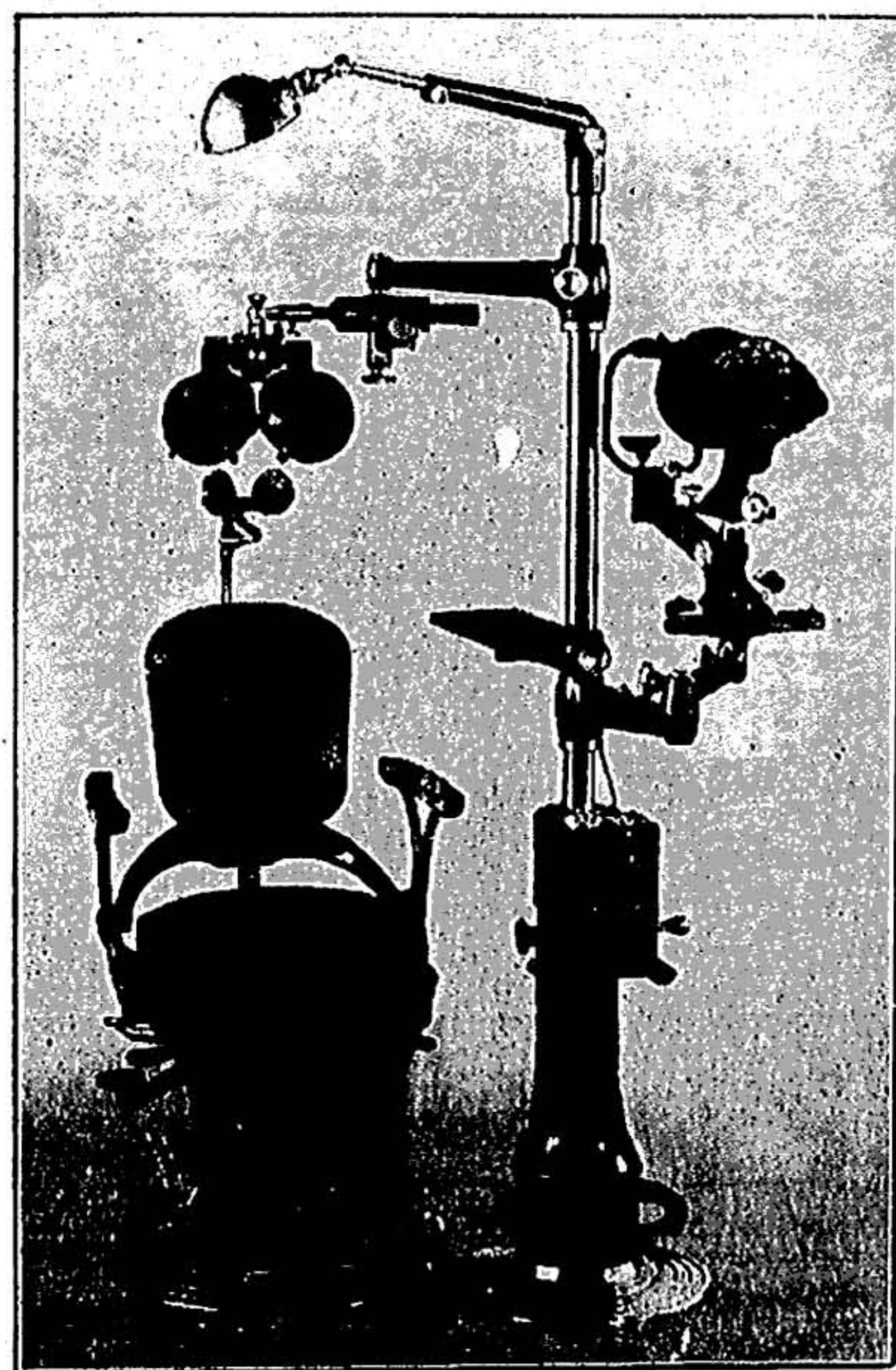
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All its gladness and goodwill!
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All yours days with sunshine fill;
May the season's many blessings,
Peace and Hope

And Love and Cheer,
In rich measure give you pleasure
Every day throughout the New Year!

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Friends Are Grateful Too, Soldier Writes

"I received your gift package of cigarettes tonight so will count them as one of my Christmas boxes," Cpl. Harold Evans writes in a letter of appreciation to the Newmarket Veterans' Soldiers' Comforts fund. "I don't need to tell you how pleased I am and you can be assured all my pals are very deeply grateful too because they all seem to know when I get cigarettes and have come on the scrounge already. I must be soft-hearted because I always share up even though I sometimes get a little short."

"How is the weather back home now? I suppose it is getting cold now. It's very wet, damp, foggy and everything else it could be to make it very disagreeable. Oh well, in a couple of months spring will be coming around again. Time sure is flying, only 32 odd days till Christmas. We are still very busy in the shops and more work and tanks coming in all the time. But when we are busy the time passes faster."

"Just a very short note to thank you for the lovely gift of another 300 cigarettes, which I received last week," writes Pte. G. W. Graves. "They arrived quite promptly and I was so glad to get them. Our ration of smokes in the front lines is all English cigarettes and you sure cannot beat a good Canadian cigarette. English cigarettes are of a very inferior quality so we really appreciate the ones from home."

"We are getting very rotten weather over here now, so much rain and cold winds, but we are the boys that do our very best regardless of what weather and we sure are driving old Hitler to his knees."

"Here I am again with a few lines wishing to thank you for the cigarettes which I received a few days ago," Pte. J. L. Alderson writes. "My mail has been held up since I left England a few months ago and so I had no Canadian cigarettes and it sure was swell to again have a good smoke."

"I have met a few of the lads from town here in the front lines and they are all in pretty good spirits and all hope to be back in good old Newmarket in the near future. We have had a few tough times but for the most part it hasn't been too bad. I guess we haven't had near as much to complain about as you fellows in the last war and if we do as good a job as you did we will have accomplished something worthwhile. I hope to thank you all personally before long. In the meantime, all the luck in the world to you and thanks again for the cigarettes."

Christmas cards have been received by the Veterans from

Lieut. G. R. Foster and Lieut. A. R. Cane. Cards of appreciation have been received by the Veterans from Rtn. G. T. Blencowe and Lieut. G. R. Foster. A letter was received by Alex. McIntosh, secretary-treasurer of the Comforts fund, from Cpl. J. W. Findlay.

COUPLE TAKE VOWS AT MOUNT ALBERT

A quiet wedding took place at the United church parsonage, Mount Albert, on Saturday, Dec. 9, when Viola Anna Wright, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Wright, Mount Albert, became the bride of Clifford Arlington Pringle, son of the late Herman Pringle and Mrs. Pringle, Zephyr. The bride wore a street length dress of deep blue, a corsage of yellow chrysanthemums and brown accessories. Miss Evelyn Pringle, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid and wore a blue velvet dress with red accessories. Daniel Wright, brother of the bride, was the groom's assistant.

A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents, Mrs. Wright, mother of the bride, and Mrs. Pringle, mother of the groom, received. The bride's going away party was a lovely affair with a brown and white accessories. The happy couple left amid showers of confetti for Toronto and other points.

VIRGINIA

G. R. WILLSON PASSES AT VIRGINIA RESIDENCE

George Robert Willson died at his home at Virginia on Nov. 28 after an illness of three weeks. Mr. Willson was born in Belhaven, a son of the late Sarah Tomlinson and Titus Willson. He married Edith Kellington.

Mr. Willson farmed at Virginia. He attended Virginia United church. Surviving are one son, Wellington, Holt, one daughter, Mrs. E. Sherwood, one brother, David, Aurora, and four sisters, Mrs. E. White and Mrs. W. Newburn, Toronto, Mrs. J. Catell, Aurora, and Mrs. W. Rafferty, Washington, D.C. The pallbearers were W. Arnold, M. Matt, B. Evans, J. Smith, C. Lavolette and W. Stephenson.

Rev. H. J. Pritchard conducted the funeral service at the residence on Dec. 1. Interment was made in Briar Hill cemetery, Sutton.

ZEPHYR

(Dec. 14)

Mr. B. Kendall spent the weekend with Mrs. Kendall and Mr. H. Pickering.

Mrs. N. Horner spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Coomer, Midwin. Mr. Coomer is ill.

Quite a number from Zephyr attended the funeral of Mrs. A. French at The Chapel, Mount Albert, on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 5.

Rev. and Mrs. Bamford spent a couple of days in Toronto last week.

A good crowd attended the play on Friday evening presented by the Goodwood Young People. All report a good laugh.

Mrs. B. Bibby spent last week in Toronto.

Mrs. Wm. Squires has gone to Toronto to spend the winter.

Mrs. Calvin Waller is spending a few days in Zephyr visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Graham and Mrs. C. Weller visited Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Graham and family on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Graham celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Misses Daisy Graham, Irma Cain, Ina Walker, Doris Shier, Blanche Clark and Messrs. Ivan Clark, Wilfred Carl and Clarkson Arnold, all of Toronto, spent Sunday at their homes.

PEPPERLAW

(Dec. 14)

The Pepperlaw W.I. met at the home of Mrs. Fred Hinchley on Tuesday. A good number of members and some visitors answered the roll-call, a gift for a child. The gifts were packed along with a layette and sent to the Salvation Army.

Mrs. Albert Weir gave a report on the convention at the Royal York hotel, Toronto. She was prepared to answer questions on the report. It was decided to send \$10 to help along with the new wing at York County hospital.

Sam Rusto, Newmarket, was the winner of the quilt. Mrs. Cecil Smith won the buns. Proceeds from the quilt were \$12.05.

The war committee met after the W.I. meeting to do their packing. They bought 10 pounds of yarn.

Mrs. Charles Weir spent a few days in Toronto visiting her sister, Miss Evelyn Yake.

HOLT

(Dec. 14)

Miss Grace Westcott, Orillia, spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Gibney.

Miss Beulah Rutledge, Sharon, spent the weekend with Miss Jenn Cupples.

Miss Beatrice Gibney spent the weekend with Miss Marion Stewart, Mount Albert.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Andrews had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mends, Newmarket, on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lepard attended the funeral of Mrs. Fred Andrews on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred King spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. George Coupland, Toronto.

The first real snowstorm came on Tuesday morning, blocking the roads.

Holt Free Methodist Sunday-school will hold their annual

MOUNT ALBERT Two Mt. Albert Ladies Fall On Icy Streets

(Dec. 14)

Mrs. Annie Pearson slipped and fell on the icy ground just outside her door on Sunday night. When x-rayed at York County hospital it was found she had a badly fractured shoulder which will take some time to mend.

Mrs. Sarah Cain slipped on the icy street on Monday and broke her wrist. She was taken to York County hospital for treatment.

Master A. C. Thompson underwent an appendix operation on Monday in York County hospital.

The Y.P.U. of the United church took the Sunday evening service. Rev. W. H. Burgess gave an illustrated address on the Church Overflow, which was interesting. After the service a fireside hour was held downstairs. A sing-song and light refreshments were included in the program.

Christmas services will be held on Sunday, Dec. 24, at the United church. In the evening there will be a song service. Special music will be given by the choir both morning and evening.

A severe snowstorm on Monday night and Tuesday drifted things up pretty badly. People were unable to get to market and business was at a standstill.

Margaret Shorach, Toronto, is home for a few holidays.

Pete Mitchell is ill at his home near the village.

Maria MacGillivray, Toronto, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. S. Caruthers.

Clifford Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graham, was taken to the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, this week for observation and treatment.

Mrs. R. M. McClellan and Sharon, Toronto, were weekend guests of Mrs. Clement.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Oldham, Wainwright, Sask., are visiting relatives at Mount Albert and Hartman.

Miss Alice Fairbairn, Niagara Falls, is visiting at the home of Mrs. A. Sheppard.

Roy Carr and Carl Lees attended the Beekeepers convention last week at the Royal York hotel, Toronto.

The Mount Albert Red Cross unit has made the following shipment for December: two quilts, nine prs. gloves, five turtle neck sweaters, one sleeveless sweater, six prs. men's pyjamas, one baby bonnet, one pr. baby booties, two prs. grey socks, 11 baby gowns, 25 cotton stockings, ten courtesy mitts.

OBJECT NOT MATHIMONY

Negro Mammy—"Ah wants to see Mistah Thompkins."

Officer Boy—"I'm sorry but Mr. Thompkins is engaged."

Negro Mammy—"Go 'long, chile. Ah don't want to marry Mistah Thompkins. Ah jes' wanta' see him."

BEST IN HER LINE

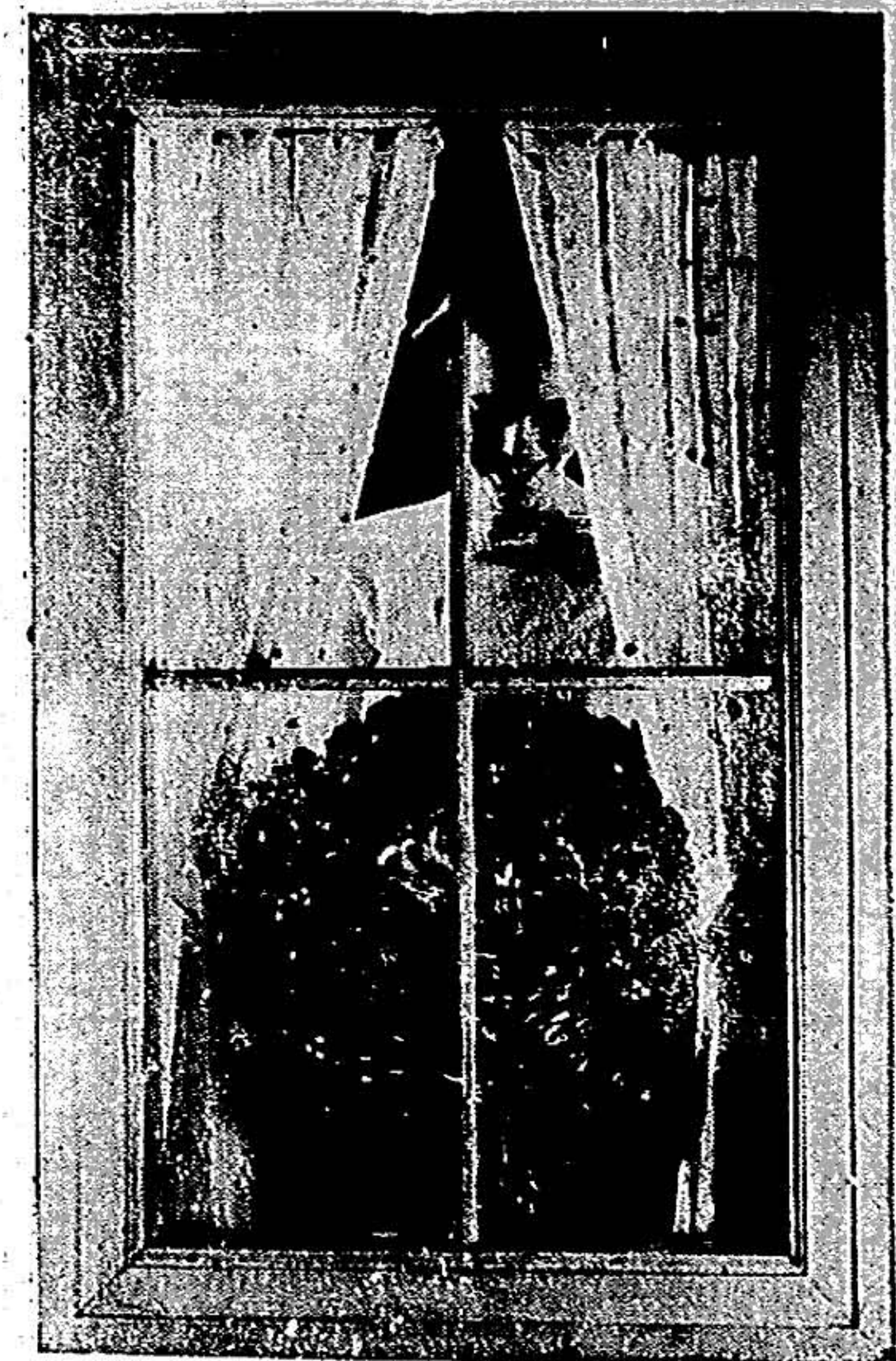
Sambo—"Wuz dat you' bes' girl fren'?"

Rastus—"Oh, no; jes' necks bes'."

Christmas program at the church on Friday, Dec. 22, at 8 p.m.

Rev. Hartley Britton of Queensville will show slides on the birth of Christ.

The Era and Express may be purchased at Knott's, Holt.



A Merry Christmas to all....

AND BRICE'S YULETIDE WISH IS THAT

THE NEW YEAR BRING PEACE TO EVERY LAND

We salute the homemakers of Canada... the women who have done so much to bring peace nearer. In saying Merry Christmas we want to convey to the homemakers of Newmarket and district our appreciation of your co-operation with us as a home store. We know that we have not been able to render you the service you have learned to expect... we know that we did not always have just what you wanted... but we hope to make amends when Canada can again concentrate upon the needs of a nation at peace, rather than upon the requirements of a wartime world.

Another Christmas... another year drawing to a close... a new year dawning which is different from the last three wartime years because it brings to us all the hope of a year of peace... of a better world to come.

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

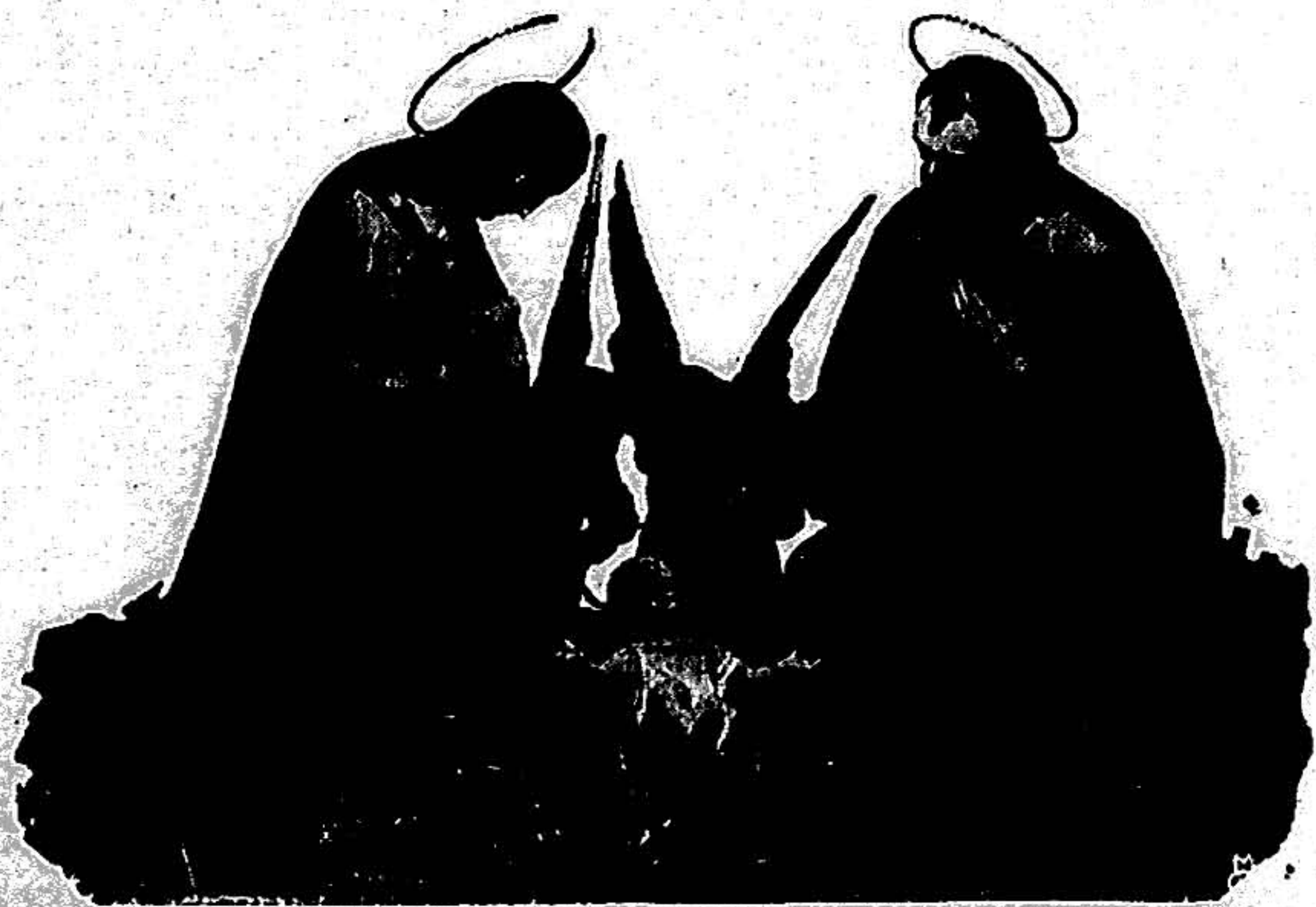
Another eventful year draws to a close. For many it has been a year of sadness in being separated from loved ones overseas—some having paid the supreme price.

A new year is approaching. We join with you in the prayer that the year 1945 will usher in Victory and Peace, and that it may bring to you hope, courage and happiness to the fullest measure.

We wish also to take this opportunity of thanking you for your patronage throughout the past year and for your patience with our service through a very trying business period.

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WORLD TO HEAR... THIS CHRISTMAS DAY OF 1944

Behind our gay holiday laughter this year, there'll be a common feeling in the hearts of us all. It will be a hope, a conviction, a promise and a prayer all in one—embedded in steel-like determination. Belief in our ability to make right triumph over the dark menaces of unholy fascism. We have promised ourselves to avenge those who have met tragedy at the hands of our enemy, and our faith will see us through. This Christmas Day we shall again reaffirm our faith... singing out in the spirit of the righteous for all the world to hear.

We wish all boys and girls fighting on the battlefields in foreign lands a safe and speedy return home.

CLIFF INSLEY AND FAMILY WISH ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Insley's Boys' and Men's Wear

HAPPY REUNION
Schoolmaster (to small-town class—"If a man walking at the rate of four miles an hour gets an hour's start on a man walking five miles an hour, where will the second overtake the first?"
Premising Pupil—"At the first hotel, sir."

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SUTTON GRANDDAUGHTER WINS THREE SCHOLARSHIPS
Miss Mary Lanigan, winner of three scholarships in her last term at Stirling high school, gave the valedictory address at the commencement exercises of the school in the Stirling theatre, Thursday, Dec. 7.
The Hon. J. R. Cooke scholarship for best eight papers in upper school, value \$50; the first Carter scholarship for the county of Hastings, for the best ten papers in upper school, value \$100, and the provincial student aid scholarship, normal school, value \$200, were won by Miss Lanigan. Miss Lanigan is the granddaughter of Mrs. John Sprague, Sutton.

CLASSIFIEDS CAN BE OF SERVICE TO YOU

SERVING AURORA AND DISTRICT

King Residents Start Fund For Scholarship

COLLECT MAGAZINES
The Aurora Navy League is making a collection of books and magazines for Canada's sailors on Saturday, Dec. 23. Aurora Boy Scouts are making the collection. Citizens can speed the work by having their bundles tied and waiting for the boys.

WITH THE FORCES

Mr. and Mrs. James Morris have received word from their son, Pilot Officer George Morris, who is in England.
Mrs. William Carille has received word that her husband, who has been serving with the R.C.N.V.R. for the past three years, has been promoted to the rank of petty officer. He is a former well known district hockeyist and footballer.
Major N. F. Johnson, Camp Borden, spent the weekend at his home.
LAC Douglas Egan, Labrador, is home on Christmas leave.
Lieut. Don Acton, Camp Borden, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Thompson.
Pte. Ivan Barrager, Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Barrager.
Sgt. Allan Higgs, Chatham, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wythe.
Sgt. Alfred Bolsby, R.C.A.F., Dauphin, Man., is spending Christmas leave at his home.
Pte. Bert Long has been transferred from Camp Borden to Debert, N.S.
Cpl. Grant McCachen, R.C.A.F., Camp Borden, spent the weekend at his home.
Pte. Dawson Brown is now stationed at Orillia.
Lieut.-Col. C. R. Boulding, London, Ont., is spending Christmas leave at his home.
Pte. Bob Walker of King, a former student at Aurora high school, is now stationed at Hamilton.
LAC Vern. Powell, Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. William Cameron.
Russell Patrick, Vancor, reported for duty with the active army last week at Toronto.
Tpr. Bill Stephens, who has spent the past month with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stephens, following his return from overseas, reported to Toronto this week.
Pte. Howard Pattenden, Hamilton, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Pattenden.
Cadet Ted Johnson, Brockville, C.O.T.C., is spending Christmas at his home.
Pte. George Hodgins, son of Mr. Leo Hodgins, is now at Windsor, N.S.

With Professor V. G. Bladen, department of political economy, University of Toronto, as chairman, a fund has been started by King township residents to provide a yearly scholarship for King township students at Aurora high school who intend to go on to university.
Professor Bladen, who resides at Temperanceville, and an undisclosed list of subscribers have sufficient funds on hand to assure a \$200 scholarship at the University of Toronto for the student at Aurora high school standing highest in nine papers of Grade 13 next June.
"Pledges have been received from interested persons for subscriptions for the next five years. If sufficient funds are forthcoming bursaries will be made available for deserving students from King township who seek higher learning. It is hoped sufficient cash will be on hand or guaranteed eventually to make the scholarship a permanent affair.
"It is a splendid gesture," Principal J. H. Knowles said. "I hope that those behind the plan will be able to secure sufficient funds to make this permanent. The country pupils, despite long hours and travelling, are among the best students generally and I am sure this will be an incentive for even better work."
This marks the second scholarship to be announced for Aurora students this year. John Stuart of Toronto donated a scholarship some months ago for the best student of Grade 13.

ANSON GILBERT HOME ON LEAVE

Pt.-Lieut. Anson Gilbert, son of Major and Mrs. Burton D. Gilbert, Yonge St. north, is home for a breather from operational duties. Pt.-Lieut. Gilbert arrived home on Tuesday in time for Christmas. A graduate of Aurora high school, he enlisted in 1942, received his wings at Centuria in 1943 and has been overseas since July of that year. He has won rapid promotion and has been mentioned in several news dispatches in connection with bombing raids on the continent.

Snow Almost Cancelled Religious Film Showing

Those who attended the fireside hour at Aurora United church and saw the sound technical religious film, John Stirling, exhibited by the producer, Rev. Anson Moorehouse, Arkona, enjoyed a real treat. Few realized, however, how nearly the elements forced a cancellation and caused Rev. Roy Hicks many worries. As late as Friday the street where Mr. Moorehouse lives in Toronto had not been ploughed out and transportation of the equipment to Aurora became a problem. A bulldozer came to the rescue and opened the street. Deputy-Reeve A. A. Cook made a trip to Toronto with his truck to complete the job.

HOLD CAROL SERVICE

A good crowd attended St. Andrew's College carol service on Sunday in the college chapel. Barnston Tudball gave the readings and Ian Gilleford presided at the organ. The choir gave seven seasonal favorites. The visitors joined with the school in three others. The offering went to the neighborhood workers' association.

44; County of York, county levy, \$15,800.50; hospitalization, \$93.26; Dr. H. G. Leary, \$77; York County hospital, \$750; department of health, \$251; village of Sutton, division court rental, \$29.76; T. R. Sheppard, delivering wood, \$12; Dr. Tuchtie, M.O.H., \$103.75; Charles Graham, board of health, \$54; Lloyd Stiles, board of health, \$58; Ross McMillan, board of health, \$18; F. Peel, board of health, \$18; E. Strasser and Sons, ambulance, \$7; Geo. N. Timmins, taxi, \$4; Gordon Hare, \$5; A. Rye, \$9; Harold Mahoney, \$5; Carl Morton, \$112.50; hydro, \$4.10; Jas. Stevenson, \$13; J. H. Harper, \$3; Sutton horse show, \$50; Fred Peel, salary, \$100; Ross A. McMillan, reeve, \$135; H. H. Glover, deputy-reeve, \$125; James Nelson, councillor, \$125; J. L. Doyle, councillor, \$125; W. A. Burkholder, \$125; R. A. David, councillor, \$125; J. A. Sinclair, weed inspector, \$100; Joseph Sheppard, truant officer, \$35.
For selecting jurors: Ross A. McMillan, \$2; R. A. Davidson, \$2; Fred Peel, \$2; Dr. Tuchtie, re indigents, \$30; Ross McMillan, trip to Toronto, \$3; H. H. Glover, trip to Toronto, \$3; road voucher No. 12, \$3,742.31.
Welfare accounts: Mrs. E. P. Crittenden, \$15; C. Kellington, \$41.25; Freeman Pollock, \$3; Cook's Bakery, \$2.79; Archie Smith, \$5; W. A. Burkholder, \$16.20; E. Leppard, \$30; Sutton Dairy, \$11; township of East Gwillimbury, \$40.54; S. R. Hart, \$2; C. L. M. O. Tremayne, \$8.52; hydro, \$4.57; fuel supplied by North Gwillimbury, \$72; Angus J. King, salary, \$10.
Council then adjourned.

AURORA, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH, 1944

SALVAGE COLLECTION

Aurora residents are urged to save all Christmas wrappings, envelopes, newspapers, magazines, cardboard and brown paper, to be collected on Jan. 6. The proceeds from the sale of the salvage will be given to the Aurora Memorial fund while the salvage itself will aid the war effort.

CHIMES RING FROM UNITED CHURCH TOWER

Something new and different for the Christmas season is being heard this week in Aurora as chimes of Christmas carols are being amplified from the United church tower.
This is a temporary experiment being made from recordings and installed by Stewart Beare of Newmarket. A member of the church, in the armed services, is the sponsor of these Christmas chimes.
The chimes will be heard before and after the Christmas concert Friday evening and before and after the church services and candlelight service on Sunday.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY REV. ROY HICKS

The Women's Missionary Society of the Aurora United church and the Evening Auxiliary of the church held their annual elections of officers Tuesday evening in the church parlors. Rev. Roy Hicks installed the officers.

The officers of the W.M.S. are: hon. pres., Mrs. J. Locke and Mrs. E. H. Clarke; past pres., Mrs. E. H. Clarke; pres., Miss A. Wilson; first vice-pres., Mrs. J. H. Knowles; second vice-pres., Mrs. F. Young; third vice-pres., Mrs. R. J. Neilly; treas., Mrs. T. Grimshaw; rec. sec., Mrs. H. J. Charles; corr. sec., Mrs. A. J. Annan;
Christian stewardship and finance, Mrs. E. H. Clarke; community friendship, Mrs. R. DeLafaye; Associate Helper, Mrs. J. Barnard; supply sec., Mrs. J. Underhill; temperance and Christian citizenship, Mrs. W. J. Stewart; Missionary Monthly, Miss M. Wilson; press sec., Mrs. C. Clarke; organist, Mrs. Wm. Powell; literature, Mrs. C. H. Sheppard.
The officers of the Evening Auxiliary are: hon. pres., Miss M. Chappell; past pres., Miss Mary Teasdale; pres., Mrs. F. Caulfield; first vice-pres., Miss Helen Baycroft; second vice-pres., Mrs. K. Giles; rec. sec., Mrs. M. Evans; corr. sec., Miss Mildred Milsap; treas., Miss Mildred Milsap; Christian stewardship and finance, Miss E. Robinson; community friendship, Mrs. Phyllis Davis; temperance and Christian citizenship, Mrs. C. Coupland; supply sec., Mrs. B. Frankel; pianist, Miss Ethel Hambleton.
Life memberships in the auxiliary were presented to Miss Ethel Hambleton and Mrs. Kenneth Giles by Mr. Hicks.

QUEENSVILLE

Queensville was well represented at the Christmas entertainment given by the fourth line school on Friday. The teacher is Miss Murrell. Every one present spoke of the excellent work of the children.
Clifford Morton, who has been caretaker of the Queensville cemetery for some time, has resigned and has taken over the management of the farm owned by Mr. McClusky.
Fred Dew, at present in the telephone exchange, has been appointed caretaker of the cemetery and has assumed his new duties. He will continue at the telephone exchange until February.
The monthly meeting of the W.M.S. was held at the parsonage on Thursday, Dec. 14. The service took the form of a candlelight service and the singing of several Christmas carols, which beautifully illustrated the theme for the day, Canadian Friendship.
The annual Christmas tree and entertainment for the United church Sunday-school will be held in the Sunday-school room on Friday, Dec. 22, at 8 p.m. A good program will be given.
Bert Boyd, who has charge of the skating rink in Queensville, reports success in making ice and he expects that the rink will be ready for skating on Saturday, Dec. 23.
NEWMARKET TEAM WINS
About 20 girls from Aurora high school, under the leadership of Miss Gladys Humphrys, journeyed to Newmarket on Thursday to meet the Newmarket team for the Newmarket high school girls' volleyball. The Newmarket team won both games. Tea and refreshments were served.

HOME ON LEAVE



Sgt. Pilot Ray Melbourne, son of Traffic Officer and Mrs. W. A. Melbourne, Aurora, is home on leave. He graduated at Brandon, Man., on Oct. 8, and was posted to Three Rivers, Que.
—Photo by Barrager.

Social and Personal

Mr. Roy Holman, Weston, spent the weekend with his sister, Miss Lina Holman.
Miss Mary Fice, Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Fice.
Miss Vivian Wilcox, Toronto, spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. J. D. Wilcox.
Cyril Hamblin, Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith.
William Gilkes, Oshawa, a former Aurora resident, spent the weekend in town.
Mrs. Harry Richbell is convalescing at home following her return from York County hospital.
Misses Iris and Heather Hamilton, Hatfield Hall, Cobourg, are spending the Christmas holidays with their mother, Mrs. Donald Hamilton.
Miss Marian Thompson, Toronto, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Thompson.
Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Devins attended the funeral of Mrs. Percy Devins at Thornbury last week.
Francis Cook, Albert College, Belleville, is spending the Christmas holidays with his father, Deputy-Reeve A. A. Cook.
Mr. and Mrs. Bud Palmer and family of Allandale spent the weekend with Mrs. Palmer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bates.
Miss Lavilla Hamer, Toronto, spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hamer.
George King, Queen's University, Kingston, is spending Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee King.
Male members of the Aurora Golf club are holding their annual dinner on Dec. 29 at Dawson's Grill.
Miss Dorothy Warren, Branksome Hall, Toronto, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Warren.

Mayoress Sends Letter To Mrs. John Watson

Mrs. John Watson, George St., who has four sons in the services, one of whom, Tpr. Lloyd Watson, has been wounded three times in Italy, and is now in England recuperating, has received a letter from the Lord Mayoress of Warwick, A. Olivia Ansell.
"Last week we had the pleasure of entertaining a contingent of the Allied army," the Lady Mayoress writes. "They were a fine body of men and were most appreciative of being shown around the castle and other historic buildings of our ancient town. At lunch I had the honor of sending a special greeting to the womenfolk of Warwick to all of you who are left at home, but by the request of your son, who was making good progress and enjoying his day out, I promised I would write you personally and tell you we will always do our best to make your people's stay in England as happy as possible.
"That the day may soon come when you will all be reunited is my sincere wish."

RAVENSHOE

Miss Margaret Tait and Mr. Albert Laws, Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Laws.
The W.M.S. will meet at the church on Dec. 27, at 2.30 p.m. Everyone is asked to attend as there will be an election of officers.
The Sunday-school concert will be Dec. 27 in the church. A play, entitled Ada Gives First Aid, will be given.
Miss Audrey Hamilton and Mr. C. Gillson spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hamilton.

Councillors Will Seek Office For New Year

All the 1944 Aurora town council, with the possible exception of Councillor Fred Rowland, are expected to accept nominations for 1945 at the nomination meeting on Friday evening in Trinity hall. When council finished the year's business last week, there was one vacancy through the resignation of Councillor R. V. Thomson earlier in the year, and it would seem certain at least two vacancies would have to be filled. Councillor Rowland has been in ill health all year and attended only a small percentage of the meetings. He qualified last year to prevent a second nomination meeting.
Mayor Ross Linton stated he would again seek the office of mayor. "I will definitely be a candidate and would like to have the opportunity of carrying on some of the projects council has in mind," he said. "Around \$9,000 in debentures are being retired and with the provincial government's grant to education, the New Year should be a good one for council." Mayor Linton has been a member of council for six years, last year being his first term as mayor.
Reeve C. E. Sparks will again seek the reevehip. Dean of the Aurora council, Reeve Sparks will likely be appointed to the county old age pension commission if re-elected. Deputy-Reeve A. A. Cook, although he has not announced his intentions, is expected to be a candidate.
Councillors Dr. Crawford Rose, Rod V. Smith and A. N. Fisher have announced their intentions of being candidates for office.
Councillor Thomas Swindle has not decided if he will stand. "I have not finally decided," said Mr. Swindle. "I hope there will be plenty of candidates. There are not enough people in Aurora interested in municipal affairs and an election might be a good thing. I didn't seek office last year but consented to do so to try and do my part. It is time others were prepared to give some of their time and ability."
Several names have been suggested as possible candidates, including one woman.

Aurora Fire Loss Is \$525, Chief Harry Jones Says

Aurora's fire loss from Dec. 15, 1943, to Dec. 15, 1944, amounted to only \$525, Fire Chief Harry Jones told Aurora town council at their final meeting of the year Friday evening. It is the lowest figure in the 40's, last year's total being \$1,900, with the high figure of \$5,642 in 1940.
Twenty-six calls were answered in town. Outside calls saw the brigade all Whitechurch township on four occasions, King township on 13 and Bradford once. The calls in Aurora were the highest in five years.
The brigade strongly recommended the establishment of a large incinerator behind the stores on the west side of Yonge St. to eliminate a fire hazard. Two public inspections were made during the year and the conditions found were "fairly satisfactory".
Aurora school children displayed speed and good discipline in fire drills at the school. Three hundred and twenty public school pupils were cleared from the school in 76 seconds. It took only 58 seconds for the older pupils at the high school, to the number of 282, to reach safety.
The brigade, in addition to its fire duties, raised \$800 by means of dances, which was dispersed to wartime and community charities and war services. A \$50 grant was made to midget baseball. The brigade sponsored a juvenile hockey club. The brigade attended as police at various social functions. Cigarettes were sent to every Aurora boy overseas and ex-members of the brigade in the forces will receive a Christmas box. A farm commando unit was organized and gave assistance to district farmers during the summer and fall.

FIREMEN MAKE FIRST CALL IN NEW TRUCK

Aurora firemen had a chance to use the new fire truck on Saturday evening when they were called to the home of Mrs. William Smith, Motecalle St. A fire had broken out in the attic from hot stovepipes. The damage was mostly from smoke. The truck provided a fine stream of light and a fine stream of water from its supply tank.

KING RESIDENT DIES

The death occurred on Saturday at King of one of the township's oldest residents, Mrs. Mary McClement.
Mrs. McClement, who was in her 85th year, had resided in the district for over 50 years. She was a member of All Saints Anglican church and was at one time prominent in church affairs. Her husband predeceased her a few years ago, and she is survived by one son, Harry, of Mimico.
The funeral service was held on Monday with Rev. G. I. Johnson and Roy W. F. Wrixon in charge. Interment was at King cemetery.

DRY-CLEANING PLANT

Gordon Hunt, Oshawa, who purchased the Slaney building on Yonge St., has opened a dry-cleaning and pressing plant, known as the Aurora Cleaners.

WHITE GIFT SERVICE

About \$175 was received in money, as well as many gifts, at Sunday morning's White Gift service at Aurora United church. This amount was augmented at the evening service, and still further contributions are expected next Sunday. The proceeds will be used for the boys of the church overseas.

WM. BOAKES CHAIRMAN

The Aurora Progressive Conservative Association held an organizational meeting for Ward Three last week. Wm. Boakes was elected chairman. Other officers are: first vice-chairman, Orville Heath; second vice-chairman, Gordon Seaton; sec. Robt. Moore; treas., Alex. Bell.
Ward Five officers are: chairman, Charles Davies; first vice-chairman, Bert Gilbert; second vice-chairman, Ed. Warren; sec. Mrs. Bud Graham; treas., Mrs. Frank Grainger.
Officers for Ward Four are: chairman, Harry Jones; first vice-chairman, Earl Seaton; second vice-chairman, Alan Maughan; sec. Mrs. Ross Avis; treas., Mrs. A. Mitchell.

CHARLES HUNT WAS WELL-KNOWN IN KING

The death occurred suddenly at his residence on Monday, Dec. 11, of Charles Hunt, for many years one of King township's best known residents.
Mr. Hunt was born on the third concession of King and was in his 80th year. At the age of nine he moved with his parents to Manitoulin Island. In 1892 he married Eliza Scott, who survives him.
In 1900 Mr. Hunt and his wife moved to King township and they have resided on the same farm all those years. Mr. Hunt was a member of Snowball United church and was an elder for some years. In politics he favored the Conservative party. He had been in fairly good health up to the time of his death.
Surviving are his widow and nine children, Mrs. Medford Pearson (Phila), Toronto; Mrs. Earl Fogal (Gertrude), Columbus; Mrs. George Munshaw (Phila), King; Mrs. Harold Cairns (Ruth), King; Hugh, Herbert, Robert and Stanley of King and Pte. Stuart Hunt, Queen's York Rangers.
Rev. W. J. Burton conducted the funeral service on Friday at Snowball United church. The pallbearers were five sons and Medford Pearson, a son-in-law. Interment was at Aurora cemetery.

TREATS CHILDREN

Aurora school children were guests of School Trustee Ed. Warren of the Royal theatre at a theatre party recently.

WITH THE CHURCHES

Aurora Baptist church Sunday-school is holding its annual Christmas party tonight.
Rev. J. Hubert Cook, secretary of the Evangelical union of South America, was guest preacher on Sunday at Aurora Gospel church.
A Christmas carol service will be held on Sunday at 7 p.m. at Trinity Anglican church.
The W.H.O. class of Aurora United church met on Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. A. M. Clark.
Pupils of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church Sunday-school gave \$15.66 on Sunday to the Christmas Cheer for British Children fund.

TAKES OVER STATION

Thomas Spence, Tyler St., is taking over the service station operated by Peter Milne, Yonge St. south, at the end of this month.

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ELMHURST BEACH
**Jas. Bracken Passes,
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(DEC. 14)
 The Elmhurst W.I. met at the home of Mrs. J. Hirst. A very thorough and interesting report of the annual W.I. convention was given by the delegate, Mrs. Obee Peters.

Christmas carols were sung by the members. It was decided to hold a euchre party at the Rainbow Gardens on Dec. 27. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. F. W. Lockerie.

Mr. Jim Bracken, an old-time resident of this community, has passed away. His recent home was at Bradford. Friends and neighbors extend their sympathy to the friends and relatives of Mr. Bracken.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cowieson, Toronto, and Mr. Cowieson's mother, Mrs. R. Cowieson, Queensville, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Pollock. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davidson also called.

Mrs. Wesley Hayes, who took ill very suddenly last week and was taken to York County hospital for treatment, is home again and feeling much better.

HOPE
 (Dec. 14)
 Miss Sproston's Christmas concert at S.S. No. 11, will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 21.

The Hope W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Sheldon Walker on Wednesday. The officers for the coming year are as follows: pres., Mrs. S. Walker; 1st vice-pres., Mrs. Geo. Barker; 2nd vice-pres., Mrs. S. Pegg; sec-treas., Mrs. A. Dike; pianist, Mrs. S. Stickwood; program convener, Mrs. H. Pegg; Mrs. A. Brenair; sick benefit committee, Mrs. Geo. Barker.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Dike attended the funeral of Mrs. John Dike, Uxbridge, on Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur Edwards had her tonsils removed at York County hospital on Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Edwards is improving nicely.

Ross Saunders, Jr., Toronto, spent Sunday at the Edwards home.

Among those who were calling at the Edwards home on Sunday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Rolling, Aurora, and Mr. and Mrs. Pegg.

Mrs. W. Stickwood and Earl Holt, were dinner guests on Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Don Stickwood.

Albert Linstead entertained at a supper party on Saturday evening for those who so willingly helped him with his fall harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Stickwood and Patty visited Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Stickwood, Claremont, on Thursday evening.

Mr. Forsythe and Miss Hopkinson, Newmarket, visited Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Ganton on Sunday afternoon.

DOWN THE CENTRE

Ross Waddell, dark haired Toronto youngster who guarded the nets for Aurora juniors in 1941 and who, in our opinion, was the best junior goalie ever also was a part of the team that won the Ontario championship in March, 1943, at which time he was alternating with Harvey Bennett, now with the Bruins, in goal for the Bruins.

Waddell, who is just 21, says that those trips to Germany through heavy flak and machine gun fire from fighter craft are not unlike playing hockey. "You kinda get a funny, excited feeling in your stomach just before you start out, just as before a hockey game. But once the action starts you haven't time to think about yourself."

We recall that play-off match with Markham in Uxbridge rink when Waddell was deathly sick at his stomach before the game but went through the game like a veteran even though his mates did lose. The same year he ended the season with Barrie Colts when their netminder, Charlie Spear, was injured. He expects to go back overseas after the New Year to help finish the job. But for the war who knows but that Waddell might have been drawing down a few thousand a year in the professional ranks.

For the third season Bradford Lions have again undertaken to pay for the village rink and sponsor hockey among the youngsters of the village with Lion Dodge Collings in charge. It has paid heavy dividends in character building as well as developing some pretty fair hockey players. You can page Jimmy Walker and company on the latter assertion for about three of the Bradford kid's loop are due to play with Newmarket Redmen Capitals this winter. Dodge once played with the Redmen himself and then went on to play with West Toronto juniors and a professional. He has no objection to the kids going to Newmarket either, although naturally he has his eye to the future and developing a team in Bradford.

"A kid must play with other boys better than himself and in faster company if he is going to get anywhere in hockey," Dodge told us a few days ago. "If you stay in your own class you seldom get any better. It is trying to make good in faster company that really develops a boy's ability and brings out the best in him." Of course, he agrees, a lad can take too big a jump in one year but we can think of a good many district players who were satisfied to be "big toads in small puddles" and never got beyond their own little sphere, even though at one time they could have. We appreciated the kindly remarks that "Dodge" made about our humble efforts and this column.

While we are speaking of kid hockey we heard a good one the other day in which juvenile delinquency is defined as: "when children act like their parents." There's a lot of truth to it too.

Briggs Creighton, who played for Aurora Ordnance in the town league and O.H.A. and last year was with the No. 2 Rams in the C.A.C. group, has been promoted to sergeant. He is still stationed at No. 26 B.T.C. and a member of the Infantry. Another athlete who now sports three hooks is Jack Church of Bradford who is stationed in B.C. Jack was a member of the Bradford Argos a few years back and is a member of one of the best known sports clans in the district.

Old man winter stepped into the picture last week and blocked roads and street cars enough to postpone the opening of the new services league at Ravina Gardens and so Capt. Bing Caswell's '45 Redmen have yet to have the acid test. Despite heavy snowfalls in the past we fail to recall when games in Toronto were cancelled because of snow.

Navy was to meet the Redmen. They have lined-up a mighty sweet team which would appear to be one of the teams to hurdle on the road to the title. Teddy Morris has on hand from the 1944 junior team which played in the local group, Bill Armstrong, the nifty centre, Jack Dillon, husky defence star who is also playing junior A with Young Rangers, and Baker, who performed both on defence and on the forward line. Armstrong, it will be recalled, played briefly with Aurora juniors in 1941 then went to Pennington with Bill Hancock and was with Marlborough after that. In addition to playing junior last year with Dillon he had a whirl in senior company. Baker is from Winnipeg.

Lefty Wilson, better known for his baseball and softball activities, is in the nets for the tuns and is pretty capable, having had a brief whirl with St. Catharines. From the Garden City comes Welch, who played junior hockey there with Joint McComb, and Mackie, who was a member of the St. Kitts lacrosse team which won the Mann Cup this year. Jerry Olinick, who performed with Guelph juniors and Indianapolis Capitals, the Detroit farm club, is the defence ace.

Oshawa juniors of last year supply a good trio in Floyd Curry, a brilliant winger, "Wart" Barker, who was one of the few home-brew players on the team, and Bobby Love, a Regina lad who the Gens. lured from the west.

Ken Givrel, a Toronto boy who saw service with Cleveland Barons, will be up front as well as assisting in the masterminding department. Wally Corner, last year with Young Rangers, Livingston, who is on Cleveland's reserve list and placed with Atlantic City as well as several others, will give the alert service boys from H.M.C.B. York plenty to cheer about before the season is over. Yes indeed, the boys from No. 23, while plenty good, will not have the whole show to themselves which means those Thursday night games at Newmarket will be really something to see.

Newmarket town league is being organized and we understand that they are looking for a livewire president and a competent secretary. Methinks Councillor George Byers, junior member of this year's Newmarket council (congrats, George) who did such a good job in looking

to many thousands of hockey fans who have followed his playing career with Toronto and Boston since 1929-30, has started as a coach this season. Jackson will mastermind Victory Aircraft juniors in junior B in the Toronto B circuit.

This puts all of the once famous "Kid Line" in the coaching business with Joe Primeau in charge of St. Mike's after some years at Upper Canada and Charlie Conacher in his third year as coach of the Oshawa Generals. Both Joe and Chuck have proven they have the ability to impart knowledge to youngsters and there should be no reason why Harvey can't do a good job as well. No matter how good a coach may be it should be remembered he can't be much better than the players he has to work with.

Bill Hancock, who won great fame as a junior coach, did a good job but he was never very keen to handle a team unless he knew he was going to have good boys to work with. We know of one case where he deliberately passed up more money simply because he didn't figure the roster of players presented to him was strong enough to go places. He was right, too. Sometimes lawyers hesitate to take cases because they figure they can't win. We recall one saying, "it doesn't do me any good to lose too many cases regardless of how much I make in fees." Your ideal coach is the one lucky enough to be able to do a good job and have the material on hand to produce results. Check down the list of successful mentors and you'll invariably find they had pretty fair players to go to town with. "The Breaks" of the game also play an important part in the saga of success on and off the ice.

Bruno Cavallo, ex-Bradford la (Page 11, Col. 3)



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FORGETS WHAT TOWN IS LIKE DURING WINTER

"It is with the greatest of pleasure that I write to you and thank you for the lovely Christmas parcel," S.P.O. A. G. Smith writes in a letter of appreciation to the Newmarket Veterans' Soldiers' Comforts fund. "If you people only knew how much we appreciate the things that you have done for us in the services. It brings tears of happiness to my eyes when I get a parcel from the people at home because I know that the town from where I come is 100 percent behind its fighting sons and daughters."

"Once again it is my turn to thank you all very, very much for the 300 cigarettes received," Codes Bruce Gould writes the Veterans. "As I have said many times before, they are appreciated ever so much and thoroughly enjoyed by all members of my mess."

"Here it is winter again and less than a month till Christmas. I have almost forgotten what Newmarket looks like in the winter, especially during the Christmas season. I hardly imagine it being the same as it used to be. But it will be before long—and let's hope that next Christmas will be the one."

"There are three of us here—possibly four—Andy Mitchell, Norm Burling and myself. Bob Brooks is supposed to be here somewhere. You can well imagine what it's going to be like if we all combine and chip in in an endeavour to make ourselves forget that we are far away from home—it'll be quite a show."

GLENNVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Keffer spent a few days in Toronto last week.

Robert Doan, Rivers, Man., is home for the holiday.

Mrs. Errol Gould and family spent the weekend with her parents.

Bruce Cutting spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Cutting.

Mrs. Orson of Barrie is visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Webster, and Mr. Webster.

The concert will be held on Thursday evening at Glennville school.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Webster spent the weekend at their cottage here.

THINKING OUT LOUD

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THE COMMON ROUND STARS

By ISABEL INGLIS COLVILLE

Not being an astronomer, not even an astrologer, I cannot talk learnedly about heavenly bodies, but can anyone, learned or otherwise, escape the fascination of the mystery that surrounds those gleaming worlds that make up the universe.

In all ages, from remotest antiquity until now, there have been people who guided their lives by the stars. Great men, it has been said, have followed their stars, come to fame and fortune, some to infamy and death.

In the Bible it tells that Joshua commanded the sun to stand still. It also tells that the stars in their courses fought against Sisera.

Then, two thousand years ago, out from the great, marvellously ordered concourse of stars that form our universe, there flamed and sped a star.

In those days, as in ours, wise men in all countries devoted their lives to the study of stars and when this glorious apparition sped its heavenly charted course across the heavens, wise men from the east, where study and contemplation and devotion have always been marked, left their studies and, in their case, literally followed the star.

To them such a phenomenon could only mean one thing—a world shaking event—probably the birth of a king.

So, sensing that this was no ordinary king, they gathered together of their store, gold, frankincense and myrrh—significant gifts—and then, mounting their swift camels, they set off on their strange and, as all the world now knows, God-directed journey.

They were not men of war so they bore no arms, although they knew not what danger from desert, beast or robber they might encounter. They knew no fear, for being men who felt that the stars guided their destinies, they trusted them and followed this star with joy because to them was vouchsafed this miracle.

They were not like Namoun, who felt it an insult to be asked to wash in Jordan when Damascus boasted finer rivers. They cared not when they learned from Herod's Bible students that Christ would be born in Bethlehem of Judea. These men came from great and rich countries; Bethlehem was a little town, in a little country, subjugated by the Romans.

They trusted their star and because it was God-directed it led them to a Babe in it's mother's arms; not in a palace, not even an inn, but in a stable where its only earthly guardians were humble cattle; but where unseen angels hovered in adoration.

Like the shepherds who followed the words of the angel, the wise men worshipped and offered gifts and, having a vision of Herod's jealous rage and evil intentions, returned to their homes, rich in the knowledge that their star had led to One whom they felt was set apart at birth for some great destiny. Since then, it seems as if the stars take on new lustre on Christmas Eve.

And there are other stars that seem to take on new lustre then, too—the stars of love, of kindness, courage and faith.

For a little while, at any rate, we rid our minds of uncharitableness, of dislike and the many unpleasant traits our poor, human natures are heir to and hear, and try to act on, if only for a little while, the "peace on earth, good will to men" of the long ago.

We cannot try, even for a little while, to take these as our guiding stars without absorbing some of their virtues and so, though Christmas Day passes, its message is still potent.

Now, to editor, publisher, staff and readers of The Era and Express, a hopeful, happy Christmas.

QUEENSVILLE

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Church held its December meeting at the home of Mrs. Hugh Shannon. The Christmas Candlelight service taken by Mrs. Shannon, the president, assisted by Mrs. Frank Rowe, Mrs. John I. Cowieson, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. Sydney Thompson and Miss Vera Arnold, was most impressive. Christmas carols of other lands were sung. Mrs. Sydney Thompson gave the story of the origin of the beautiful old Christmas carol, Silent Night, and afterwards sang the hymn with Mrs. Shannon. A paper was read by Mrs. W. Arnold on temperance.

The officers for 1945 were re-elected: hon. pres., Mrs. J. T. Cowieson; pres., Mrs. H. Shannon; first vice-pres., Mrs. A. Mackenzie; second vice-pres., Mrs. J. Smith; sec.-treas., Miss Vera Arnold; assistant secretary, Mrs. A. Smith; community friendship, Mrs. W. Henry, Mrs. G. Cole; church stewardship, Mrs. J. T. Cowieson; missionary monthly secretary, Mrs. F. Rowe; Associate Helper, Mrs. Fred Glover; supply secretary, Mrs. A. Mackenzie and Mrs. S. Bennett; temperance, Mrs. W. Arnold, Mrs. N. Still.

The Era and Express may be purchased at Burkholder's, Queensville.

SEND BOYS CIGARETS

Arthur Peppatt has made a gift of \$2, N. A. Cornell \$3, and Mrs. A. Carter \$1, to the Newmarket Veterans' Soldiers' Comforts fund.

BOYS SEND CARDS

The Newmarket Veterans' Soldiers' Comforts fund has received Christmas cards from Gnr. H. A. Belfry, F.O. Geo. S. Philmister and A.B. E. J. Mosley.

Holstein-Friesian Ass'n. To Sponsor Contest

The Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada has announced that it will sponsor again this year a special judging contest amongst calf club members throughout the dominion in connection with the all-Canadian selections of Holstein cattle. Prizes amounting to \$100 in war savings stamps are being offered to the winners. The contest is open to all boys and girls who are this year showing Holstein calves in their clubs.

From amongst the animals nominated for all-Canadian consideration, a committee of judges will select up to six in each class. Photos of these selections will be published in the December issue of the Holstein-Friesian Journal. From these pictures a committee consisting of the judges at the major shows throughout the dominion will choose an all-Canadian and a reserve all-Canadian in each class.

From the published photographs, the competing boys and girls must designate their choice for all-Canadian and reserve all-Canadian in each class. Points will be awarded for each decision that agrees with the official version and the prizes will be awarded on the basis of the total points scored.

KESWICK

The correspondent wishes a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for all the North Gwillimbury boys and girls in the service, at home and overseas.

Mrs. Russell Stork has been supplying in the primary room at Keswick school for the past two weeks, owing to the illness of Miss Roslyn Van Norman.

Mrs. Wm. Davison and Mrs. Redditt spent a few days last week in Toronto.

Art Fedar, Toronto, and Miss Joan Baines, York County hospital staff, were guests until Thursday at Mr. Jack Baines' owing to the tie-up of traffic after the heavy snow-storm.

Keswick public school will hold its Christmas concert on Thursday evening, Dec. 21. Mrs. Campbell, Beaverton, is the musical instructor.

Miss Eva Gilroy returned from Toronto last week for a few days before leaving to spend Christmas at her brother's, Mr. Russell Gilroy's, Oakville.

W.O. Wm. George, who has been stationed in Halifax, has been here spending a leave with his wife (Pearl Harper), and twin sons.

Henry Shaw's sale had to be postponed last week owing to the storm.

AT LONG LAST

Painter—"You called me up the other day and told me to redecorate your guest room."

Mrs. Smith (brightly)—"It isn't necessary now. My guest has gone home."

NOTICE

MILK DELIVERY

In order that our employees may have Christmas and New Year's with their families, we will have

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MONDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY and
MONDAY, NEW YEAR'S DAY

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COOKING ONIONS	3 LBS.	10c
FIRM RIPE TOMATOES	12	35c

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Waper Shell PECANS	1 lb.	59c
Fresh Hulled PEANUTS	1 lb. pkg.	38c
McLaren's Stuffed OLIVES	9 oz. jar	43c
McLaren's Plain OLIVES	9 oz. jar	29c
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When the bells joyfully ring this Christmas, filling
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W.C.T.U. NEWS

By LEONORA STARR

Canada's future will, in a
large measure, depend on how
completely we eliminate the use
of beverage alcohol. As a young
nation we will need to be on our
toes, maintaining the highest
measure of efficiency. It is a
known fact that alcohol is a
deadly enemy of efficiency.

Dr. H. M. Pollock states: "It is
estimated that the annual loss of
productive human capacity due to
drunkenness, alcoholism and
alcoholic mental disease in the
U.S.A. is more than \$5,000,000,
000 a year."

Lord Meslin, speaking in
peace time in the House of
Lords, referring to the cotton
industry in Lancashire and to
the straits to which it was driven
by world competition, said: "We
are rapidly approaching the
point at which this nation has to
choose between the interests of
the liquor trade and other inter-
ests, particularly those of the
textile and manufacturing indus-
tries, and has to fight every inch
of the way to avoid further
retrogression. In that fight it
has to throw overboard, ruth-
lessly and relentlessly, every
handicap that stands in the way.
One of the most prominent of
these handicaps is alcoholism. It
is no use talking of our personal
feelings—a actual physiological
facts published by the Medical
Research Department tell us
without hesitation or reservation
that for sustained labor, whether
mental or manual, alcohol is a
detriment. It is just that fraction
that alcohol absorbs in the effi-
ciency of our manufacturing
worth that may turn the scale
between holding our own in the
fierce competition of today, or
falling back forever into second
rank."

Will that factor of drink be
sufficient to cut the product be-
low the highest efficiency, per-
haps to the extent that it will
make Canada and our British
Empire anything lower than a
first-rate power in days to
come?

WHAT OF THE ARMY?

What has been said of the effi-
ciency of the workman, surely
applies with equal or greater
emphasis to the men in the
forces.

In the early stages of the last
war Lord Kitchener made a
strong plea that the public re-
frain from offering drink to the
men in uniform, saying: "It pre-
vents our soldiers from being
sufficiently trained in body and
nerve to enable them to under-
go the strain of the arduous ser-
vice that is before them—a
strain which only the strongest
physically and morally can be
trained to endure."

The late Lord Curzon said:
"Every general officer who has
commanded troops in war, or
led an army into the field (in
the last 25 years) will tell you
that the best marching army is
the sober army; the best fight-
ing army is the sober army, that
the best army in camp or on the
field is the sober army. You
will not find any vestige of
doubt of that."

Yet in spite of all that has
been said against the drinking
of alcoholic liquors, our govern-
ments permit the swamping of
our military establishments with
booze, one of the dirtiest traitors
in our midst. The Bishop of
Rochester has not hesitated to
call it "A fifth column."

On humanitarian grounds and
on the grounds of national safe-
ty, it is surely fitting to ask men
and women everywhere to break
with the social vogue, to cease
creating opportunities for drink-
ing, to refrain from soliciting
others to indulge in drink, and
to stop weakening the effort
of the nation by spreading the
drinking habit among our
people.

Christian people everywhere
must arise and give leadership
in driving this terrible enemy
from our midst.

UNION STREET

About 20 attended the Union
Street Women's Institute meeting
at Mrs. R. Mitchell's, Holland Land-
ing, on Thursday, Dec. 7.

The meeting opened with a
Christmas carol followed by the
creed. The roll-call was answered
with a Christmas card.

The ladies decided to buy eight
dozen cups. A vote of thanks was
extended to Mrs. W. R. Ashenbush
for a gift of \$1.52 towards the cups.
It was voted to give the two dele-
gates \$10 for their expenses at the
convention.

Cards of thanks were read from
Mrs. V. Skinner, Mrs. Callendar,
Donald Crocker and Mrs. Davitt
and Mrs. Swanson extended thanks
for LAC Laurie Facey for the box
he received before setting sail for
Canada.

It was decided to get oranges for
two public schools at Christmas.
Birthday greetings were extended to
Mrs. F. Graham.

Mrs. L. Johnston and Miss Violet
Micks gave a splendid report of the
convention.

An enjoyable meeting was brought
to a close with the exchange of
Christmas presents. A dainty lunch
was served by the hostesses.

The heavy storm last Tuesday
blocked many roads in this dis-
trict.

Quite a number attended the
school concert on Friday night.

HONEYMOON'S OVER

He: "Now that we are married,
perhaps I can point out a few of
your defects."

She: "Don't bother, dear, I know
all about them. It's those defects
that kept me from getting a better
man than you."

MOUNT ALBERT

Mrs. Bruce Davidson spent the
weekend in Toronto.

H. Pearson has been serving on
jury in Toronto for a week.

Reg. Willbee, Guy Williamson
and Hugh Price, Monteth, are
home on Christmas leave.

The United church Sunday-school
took White Gifts to the church on
Sunday which have been sent to
Toronto to help out the needy work
there at Christmas.

The storm of last week will long
be remembered in the community.
With roads impassable and snow-
plows broken down, one just made
up their mind to stay where they
were. Finally the town fathers
commenced work with a home-
made snow-plow and horses and got
a one-track road through the
streets and drew the snow away
from the main street.

Then later, with a truck and
plow, they widened out the road.
Unless another storm comes the
streets are good.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Harper and
family went to Weston on Monday
night to return the next day but it
was Thursday before they arrived
home.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Scott, Toron-
to, spent the weekend at the home
of Mr. Scott's father, Mr. Geo.

Christmas services will be observ-
ed in the United church on Sunday.
Special music will be given. In the
evening a song service will be held.
There will be a special Christmas
service at Sunday-school in the
afternoon.

SNOWBALL

The Snowball school is holding
its annual Christmas concert on
Friday, Dec. 22, at 8 p.m.

Pie and Mrs. William Langman
are the parents of a son, born at
York County hospital on Dec. 10.

The Women's Institute meeting
will be held on Dec. 27 at the home
of Miss Hazel Webb at 2:30 p.m.
under the sponsorship of the
social welfare committee.

Something I can do for the betterment
of the community? Current events,
a paper, selected Christmas music
and a contest will be included in
the program. The hostesses are
Miss Webb, Mrs. W. Davison and
Mrs. W. Storey.

The dance at Middlebrook's on
Friday evening was an enjoyable
event. Owing to the snow-filled
roads the attendance was not as
large as expected.

Douglas Harrison and Earl Lloyd
won the turkey.

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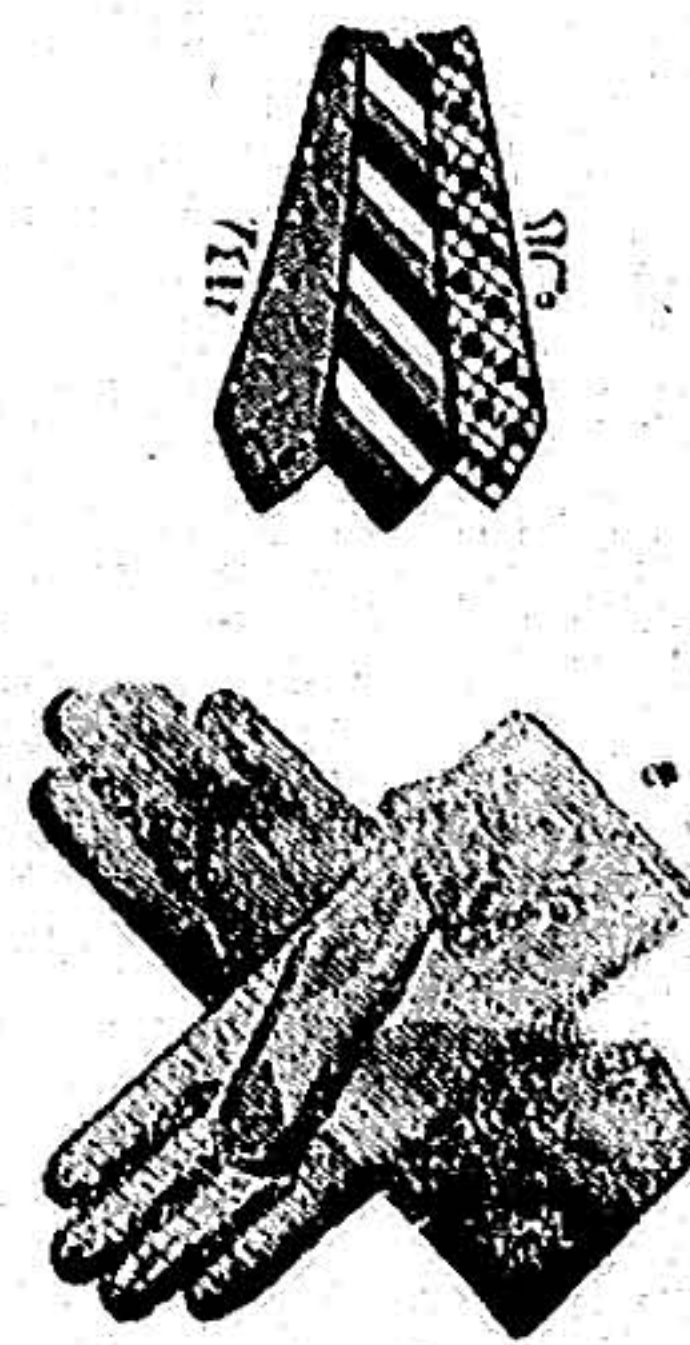
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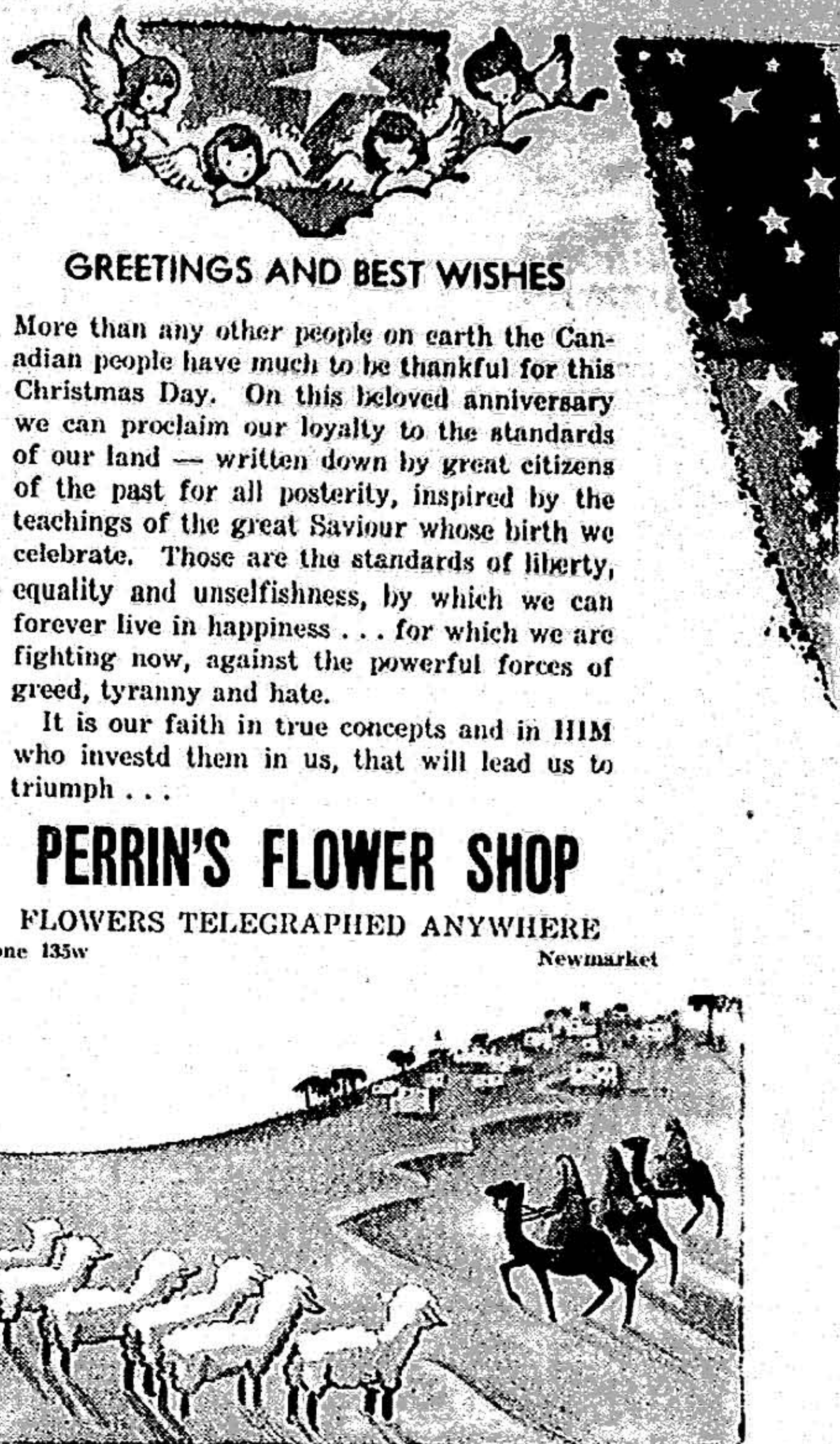
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crossed goal, was with Canadian
troops in Holland as last reported
and had met quite a few district
boys on the continent. Bill Roberts,
the old husher of the Newmarket
intermediate blue line, has given up
the ghost as a player and is con-
fining his activities to refereeing.
Have you ever noticed how often
the fellows who as players were
most often sent to the hoosegow or
did the most beefing invariably turn
out to be the most competent offi-
cials? It's true just the same and
Roberts is one who proves the point.

Pep Kelly, in his latest move as
a coach, has taken over the task
of guiding the Powassan Hawks in
the North Bay league. For a good
many years it was Powassan who
came out of the north year after
year to meet Sutton Greenshirts
with honors about even over the
years. Pep figures it has a pretty
fair team and the Hawks may be
the team to come south in the
O.H.A. this winter.

Clint Robertson, who was the star
of Newmarket camp's basketball
team last year, is currently perform-
ing for the armored corps team in
the Camp Borden league and on his
early season play is undoubtedly one
of the stars of the loop. Bill
Erzinkie, erstwhile member of this
year's Toronto Leafs and Toronto
Army Shamrocks, has been posted
to Petawawa camp while Vic Jack-
ett, the good goalie of the Rocks, is
now at Camp Borden with No. 2
C.A.C.T.R. Bep Guldin of course
is no longer at depot but at New-
market camp taking basic training
but still near enough to play with
the Rocks. It can pretty well be
taken as read that new recruits to
the army who are fit for overseas
service will not linger around very
long this winter no matter what
their hockey playing ability may
be.

The departure of Jackett means
that Don Hamilton, who played for
Aurora juniors in 1942, will again
be back in the nets for the Toronto
army team and will also be playing
against Newmarket camp in the
inter-services league for district de-
pots. This short rest will probably
have made Hamilton better than
he was early in the season. How-
ever, the inconsistency of the Sham-
rocks should be no criterion by
which to judge a goalie's ability.
Charlie Howntree has just about
decided upon his line up for the
coming season. Richmond Hill jun-
iors are expected to depend on:
Stundin, goal; Banton, Mac Clement
and Barker, defense; Herb Rose,
Denny Cosgrove, Bill Mundell, Gord
Szabo, Sonny Rowntree, Castalar
(Woodbridge), Dunn (Toronto),
the Runney brothers, Frank Sulli-
van, Hassard and perhaps, Johnny
Sullivan up front. It is practically
a home-brew squad with Frank Sul-
livan, Clement, Baker and Hassard
coming up from the bantam team of
last season. They will have had
the advantage of playing together
and military call-ups and such like
will not be one of the worries the
executive has to face.

While they will be good it would
seem a bit optimistic to regard
them as likely group winners. Char-
lie, however, is a pretty astute
coach and the Hill boys will be
dangerous in every game.

Dud James, who hails from North-
ern Ontario where he played hockey,
has been named as coach of
Markham juniors. James is a
former member of the R.C.A.F. who
has been honorably discharged and
has played hockey overseas with one
of the R.C.A.F. teams. He should give
the Markies some fine traffic di-
rection. Markham has finally been
able to secure the customary green
and white sweaters and will venture
forth as of yore, discarding the pro-
posed red, white and blue ensemble.
The total number at the last prac-
tice was 25, more than any of the
other teams. There was one from
Markham, four from Stouffville,
four from Agincourt, one from MIL-
iken and the rest from Toronto or
what have you. Yes, the team will
be known as Markham this winter.
An event which has passed un-
noticed too long is the award made
to Newmarket's Stan Evans by his
colleagues at the R.C.A.F. centre at

The Best Christmas Ever

By Richard Hill Wilkinson

When Dr. Wade turned away
from the telephone his face was
grave. Sara, his wife, came into
the living-room quickly. She had
been standing in the hall, listening.
"Hugh, you can't go. You can't!"
It's Christmas and the children are
all coming home, and oh, it will
simply ruin all our plans!"

"Now, now," Dr. Wade said. He
slipped off his house jacket and
moved around the tree that sparkled
with gay ornaments and bright
tinsel and strings of popcorn. From
the closet he brought his overcoat
and overshoes and his cap with the
fur-lined earflaps. Sara watched
him desperately. Once she glanced
toward the window. Snow hissed
against the glass. Wind howled
about the eaves.

Dr. Wade stood by the door and
drew on his gloves and picked up
his bag. He looked down at his
small wife whose hair was streaked
with gray, whose eyes were anxious
and desperate, but proud and lov-
ing. A smile rested lightly on his
lips as he waited.

Sara hit her lip and looked
away. When she looked back again
her eyes held nothing but affection-
ate reproach. "You—you—" she
said, and stood tiptoe and kissed
him.

Dr. Wade backed his coupe out
of the garage. He was glad that
he had taken the precaution to put
chains on the night before. With
a storm like this the street depart-
ment would be hours getting the
roads clear.

In the village Dr. Wade stopped
and went into Cy Anderson's store
to make some purchases. An hour
later he stopped the coupe at the
foot of the logging road that led
up to Bald Ridge. Even with
chains it would be impossible to go
farther with the coupe. So he pro-
duced snowshoes from the rear
compartment of the coupe, strapped
them on, tied a canvas pack on his
back, tucked his kit under one
arm and started up the road.

The storm had increased rather
than lessened in fury. Frequently,
more frequently than he liked to
admit—Dr. Wade had to pause to
rest, turning his back to the wind.
It was two hours later when Dr.
Wade saw the blurred outline of the
cabin. Ordinarily the trip would
have taken him less than thirty
minutes. He knocked and the door
opened at once. He stepped inside
and leaned against the wall, breath-
ing heavily. Slowly he became
aware of the warmth. Life came
back to his muscles. He looked up
and smiled.

Young Brad Jones was watching
him, wide-eyed, dumb gratitude in
his face. Behind him his young
wife lay on the bed near the stove,
her face white and drawn, biting
her lips to keep from crying out.
Dr. Wade had delivered hundreds
of babies, but this one was differ-
ent. It was different because it
was Christmas and a storm raged
outside, and his children were com-
ing home and he was going to
be there to greet them. It was
different because he had stopped
in Anderson's store and bought
some things that brought tears to
Mrs. Jones' eyes, and made it im-
possible for young Brad to speak.

It was late afternoon when Dr.
Wade started for home. The storm
had abated, but the wind was cold-
er, sharper. Now that it was over
the doctor's thoughts leaped ahead
to his own home and his own
children. He was sorry he hadn't
been there to greet them. He and
Sara had planned so many sur-
prises.

Sara met him at the door. She
helped him off with his coat and
brought his slippers from before
the fire. Her eyes were shining.
"The children didn't get here. They
just phoned from the station. They'll
be here any minute and we'll both
be on hand to greet them. Oh, it's
going to be the best Christmas ever!"

Dr. Wade smiled and thought of
the expressions on the faces of
young Brad Jones and his wife.
"Yes," he said, "the best Christmas
ever." And his chin fell forward
on his chest and he slept.

Sara looked at him. "Oh, you—
you—" she said lovingly and tiptoed
out of the room.

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VIRGINIA
(Dec. 14)

Mrs. George Arnold has returned
to the home of Mrs. Wes. Lyons
after spending a few days in Vir-
ginia with Mr. and Mrs. Westlake.
Miss Marion Lyons and Mr.
Peter Freer spent the weekend
with Mr. and Mrs. Wes. Lyons.
Mrs. Wm. Horner and Mr. and
Mrs. Charles Horner and Donna
spent Saturday in Benvenon.

Mrs. Willard Arnold has returned
home after visiting her father, who
has been seriously ill, in Oshawa.
Misses Jean and Olive Lyons
spent the weekend at home.
Emory Willoughby spent Sunday
with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Horner.

WRONG TIME TO LAUGH

Grandma—"What are you crying
for, Willie?"
Willie—"Cause Uncle John d-
ropped a b-b-b-b-box on his l-loe."
Grandma—"Oh, that's nothing to
cry about. Why didn't you just
laugh?"
Willie—"That's what I d-d-d."

BIRTHDAY CLUB

Birthday wishes are extended
this week to:

Ronald Bruce Fairry, Newmar-
ket, one year old on Wednesday,
Dec. 13.

Jimmy Ward, Newmarket, one
year old on Saturday, Dec. 16.

Fred Palmer, Newmarket, 15
years old on Sunday, Dec. 17.

Blanche Atkinson, Holland
Landing, 12 years old on Mon-
day, Dec. 18.

Carol Alva Creed, Newmarket,
seven years old on Monday,
Dec. 18.

Jack Dean, Holland Landing,
12 years old on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

John William Merchant,
Schomberg, one year old on
Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Carol Joy Foster, Holland
Landing, six years old on Wed-
nesday, Dec. 20.

Margaret Ann Kaffer, New-
market, three years old on Wed-
nesday, Dec. 20.

Ida Thompson, Holland Land-
ing, 13 years old on Thursday,
Dec. 21.

Kenneth Archibald, Schom-
berg, nine years old on Thurs-
day, Dec. 21.

Kathleen Edwards, Newmar-
ket, nine years old on Friday,
Dec. 22.

Barbara Gould, Glenville, 11
years old on Friday, Dec. 22.

Cora Wernham, Holland Land-
ing, 14 years old on Saturday,
Dec. 23.

Send in your name, age and
birthday and become a member
of The Era and Express Birthday
club.

POT POURRI

By GOLDEN GLOW

Did you ever stop to recall the
songs that were popular in the last
war and compare them with what
are being sung now? It isn't the
words, usually, as much as the
catchy tunes that make them sung
from one end of the continent to
the other. Wait. Hadn't I better
amend that and say from one end
of the world to the other, since
wherever Britishers are, these
same songs are sung?

To this day the songs we sang
in the last war are still
known and sung everywhere—and
an always popular form of enter-
tainment is a "sing-song". Invari-
ably you hear: It's A Long Way To
Tipperary and Pack Up Your
Troubles In Your Old Kit Bag.
Keep The Home Fires Burning.
There's A Long, Long Trail, Sol-
diers In The Park, and so on—ev-
en to "Ka-Ka-Katie, when the ni-
moon shines over the cow shed I'll
be waiting at the k-k-kitchen door."
And of course all Harry Lauder's
favorites, Quit Your Ticking Jock,
and the other rollicking songs of his
so loved by the soldiers.

The war has made popular, new
songs, even while the old-timers are
still sung lustily. At the beginning
of the war it was Roll Out The
Barrel and We'll Hang Out Our
Washing On The Selgried Line.
Gracie Fields has popularized all
sorts of songs. We're All Larks As
You Wave Me Goodbye and so on.
The soldiers loved that old one, Kiss
Me Good Night, Sergeant-Major.
Wasn't that one of the popular Ir-
ving Berlin's jolly songs. The Aus-
tralians sing, Waltzing Matilda. Then
there are The White Cliffs of Dover
and Bless Them All. No wonder
everybody joins in when a song like
that is sung. "Bless them all, bless
them all, the lean and the short and
the tall. There'll be no promotion
this side of the ocean, so cheer up
my lads, bless 'em all." There is
that silly, old song, Oh Auntie, and
Pistol Packin' Mamma that makes
you laugh so heartily.

But what on earth is the name
of that other one, I just can't
recall it for the minute, that's so
popular now? All I can think of
is, "Dance with the doll with a hole
in her stocking, dance by the light
of the moon." Well, I think I'll let
it go at that.

Keep on singing all you boys and
girls everywhere. If you can't sing,
whistle, and if you can't do either
then just hum—but join in, and I
promise you it will keep the cor-
ners of your mouth turned up. "Are
we downhearted? NO." Well, cheer-
io for this time. Keep smiling!

WHO SHALL LEAD?

"My boy," Themistocles, the sold-
ier and statesman, once said to his
young son, "you are the most
powerful person in all Greece."
"How can that be?" asked the lad.
"Because," answered Themistocles,
"the Athenians command all of
Greece. I command the Athenians;
your mother commands me and you
command your mother!"

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ANSNORVELD
(DEC. 14)
Mr. and Mrs. S. Winter spent
Sunday with friends in Hamil-
ton.
Mr. and Mrs. Van Luiken and
family have moved to Bradford
for the winter season.
Miss A. Hyma is spending the
weekend with friends in Toron-
to.
Mr. and Mrs. W. Van Dyken
have moved to Toronto for the
winter months as have Mr. H.
Turkstra and Mr. K. Minniga.

**SGT. E. MCCARNAN
WED AT CORNWALL**

Snadragons and baby mums
decorated St. Paul's United church,
Cornwall, when Lucy Margaret,
only daughter of Mrs. Windle, be-
came the bride of Sgt. Richard
Earl Gibson McCarnan, elder son
of Mrs. W. Forth, Toronto.
Rev. W. S. Atcheson conducted
the ceremony, assisted by Rev. J.
E. Gibson, Toronto, uncle of the
groom.
Entering the church on the arm
of her uncle, M. Chisamore, West-
mount, Que., the bride looked lov-
ely in a gown of white sheer nylon
with a transparent velvet bodice.
Her three-quarter length tulle veil
fell gracefully from a Juliet cap
of seed pearls. She carried a cas-
cade bouquet of red roses and bou-
vardia.
Her bridesmaid, Miss Gladys
Brand, Fort Erie, was similarly
gowned in powder blue with a
matching headdress of ostrich
feathers. She carried pink carnations.
The groom was attended by his
brother, Sgt. M. R. McCarnan,
Ottawa, A. Fallis, Ottawa, and J.
Newell, cousin of the bride, were
ushers.
During the signing of the regis-
ter, Mrs. J. Cutlar sang.
Following the ceremony a recep-
tion was held in Beach hall, where
the guests were received by Mrs.
Windle wearing a big "repe dress
with matching accessories and a
corage of Tullamore roses and baby
mums. Mrs. Forth assisted gowned
in a lilac crepe dress with blue
accessories. Her corsage was of
Johanna Hill roses and baby mums.
After the reception the couple
left for Montreal and New York
City, the bride travelling in a fus-
chis dress, matching feather hat
and mink coat.
Sgt. McCarnan is a grandson of
the late John L. Gibson off East
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This Christmas, more than ever before, we have cause to rejoice at the significance of the holiday. For it marks the birth of the greatest and most honored of men... who long ago taught righteousness and truth. We are thankful that His standards have come down through the years — to give us faith today in the justness of our purpose... assurance of our Victory! This Christmas day let us reaffirm our faith.

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS

BIRTHS

Bligh—At York County hospital, on Thursday, Dec. 14, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. David Bligh (Beatrice Wood), Rishvale, a daughter.

Boissonneault—At York County hospital, Saturday, Dec. 16, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Boissonneault, Oak Ridge, a daughter.

Carruthers—At York County hospital, Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Carruthers, R. R. 1, Uxbridge, a daughter.

Carlson—At York County hospital, Thursday, Dec. 14, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Carlson, Richvale, a son, Raymond Carl Bernard.

Deans—At Newtonbrook, Monday, Dec. 18, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Deans, a daughter, sister for Johnny and granddaughter for Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Deans, Holland Landing.

Deres—At York County hospital, Sunday, Dec. 17, 1944, to Pte. and Mrs. Jos. Deres, Newmarket, a daughter.

Hall—At York County hospital, on Friday, Dec. 15, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hall, twins, a brother and sister for Beverly.

Keenan—At York County hospital, Thursday, Dec. 14, 1944, to Pte. and Mrs. Thos. Keenan, Loretta, a daughter.

McLean—At York County hospital, Thursday, Dec. 14, 1944, to Pte. and Mrs. Donald McLean, Richmond Hill, a son. Baby died on Dec. 16.

Nellis—At York County hospital, on Friday, Dec. 8, 1944, to Sgt. Pilot and Mrs. Harry R. Nellis (Elva Cotton), a son, Paul Leslie Reginald.

Primrose—At York County hospital, Saturday, Dec. 16, 1944, to Cpl. and Mrs. Jack Primrose, Newmarket, a son, Robert Ian James.

Shier—At York County hospital, Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shier, Newmarket, a son.

Smith—At Cochrane, on Sunday, Dec. 10, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Al Smith, a daughter (stillborn).

Torti—At York County hospital, Monday, Dec. 18, 1944, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Torti, R. R. 2, Newmarket, a son.

DEATHS

Cockburn—On Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1944, at the Toronto Western hospital, Elizabeth Alrd, wife of the late John Leslie Cockburn, mother of Jessie, William, David and Cecil, resting at the funeral chapel of A. W. Miles, 30 St. Clair Ave. W., Toronto. Service in the chapel on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Interment Briar Hill cemetery, Sutton.

Davidson—At 32 Andrew St., Newmarket, on Sunday, Dec. 17, 1944, William Stewart Davidson, husband of Alice Bissell, in his 56th year, father of Mrs. Le Drew (Lillian), Clifford (R.C.N.V.R.), Eleanor and Stewart (overseas).

The funeral service was held in Toronto on Wednesday afternoon. Interment Prospect cemetery, Toronto.

Hunt—Suddenly, at his late residence, lot 20, con. 4, King township, on Monday, Dec. 11, 1944, Charles Pearson Hunt, husband of Edna Scott, in his 80th year.

The funeral service was held Friday afternoon at Snowball United church, Interment Aurora cemetery.

Murphy—At her home, lot 14, con. 6, Whitechurch township, on Sunday, Dec. 17, 1944, Mary Ann Murphy, sister of Mrs. Sarah Canning, in her 88th year.

Funeral mass was celebrated at St. John's church, Newmarket, on Tuesday morning. Interment St. John's cemetery, Newmarket.

McClement—Suddenly, at her late residence, King, Saturday, Dec. 16, 1944, Mary Catharine Thompson, wife of the late James McClement, mother of Harry, Mimico, in her



GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES

Our very best wishes are extended to you and yours.
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The last meeting of King township council for 1944 was held at Sutton's hotel, Schomberg, on Friday, Dec. 15, at 9.30 p.m.

Accounts passed for payment included: village of Bradford, fire, \$40; Maple fire brigade, fire, \$30; C.N.I. for the Blind, indigent, \$10; Wm. Davis, constable's fee and mileage, \$19.65; coal, township office, \$8.90; department of health, insulin, \$2.50; J. H. Sutton, rent, meeting, \$5; Nobleton postmaster, stamps, \$26;

Harold Pringle, rent, township office, \$25; H. G. Rose, registrations, \$1.75; Gus Farquhar, constable's fee and mileage, \$31.30; Ernie Hutchins, cemetery (Lloydtown), \$10; Newmarket fire brigade, Mulock fire (bush), \$25; King postmaster, stamps, collector, \$5; Chas. Ross, tax arrears services, \$2; Thos. MacMureby, long distance telephone calls, \$3.77.

Road voucher, \$1,325.66, \$1,333.44; relief voucher, \$55.20.

The council authorized the reeve and clerk to execute the deed of lands from the township of King to George Purdy, according to instructions from the township solicitor, J. D. Lucas.

The action of the reeve, who had consulted members of council, in authorizing the banks and collectors to accept all taxes without penalty up to and including Monday, Dec. 18, due to the recent snowstorm, was confirmed by resolution at the council meeting.

Wm. Davis was paid \$12 for one sheep and Clare Shaw \$25 for two sheep.

Norman Hill was paid \$2, James Fuller, \$2, and Nelson Wauchope, \$2, for their services as valuers.

The council declared Boxing Day, Dec. 26, a public holiday throughout the township.

E. S. Reddick was paid \$25, the balance of his salary as assessor for 1944-45.

The treasurer was authorized to issue a cheque to the treasurer of West Gwillimbury for \$586.30, the payment on account of 1944 marsh maintenance in accordance with the requisition dated Nov. 28, 1944.

The treasurer was authorized to issue a cheque to the treasurer of the county of York for \$56.50, King township's share of hospitalization for October.

The treasurer was authorized to issue a cheque to the secretary-treasurer of the several school sections for \$36,645.69, the amount due for 1944.

The following resolution was

EXECUTOR'S SALE

The following properties in the Town of Newmarket are offered for sale to close the Estate of Mary Ellen McClure, deceased.

House and lot at 70 Timothy St.; stucco house, seven rooms.

House and lot at 65 Hotsford St.; brick house, seven rooms, hot-air furnace.

House and lot at 61 Timothy St.; frame house, eight rooms and garage; hot-air furnace.

Apply to Douglas McClure and Elsie McClure, executors, R. R. 3, Newmarket, or to A. M. Mills, Newmarket, their solicitor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE ESTATE OF SILAS VANLUVEN, DECEASED.

All persons having claims against the estate of Silas VanLuyen, who died on or about the 30th day of March, 1940, are hereby notified to send in to the undersigned on or before the 4th day of January, 1945, full particulars of their claims. Immediately after the last mentioned date the assets of the said estate will be distributed amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice to the exclusion of all others and the undersigned will not then be liable to any person, whose claims the undersigned shall not have had notice, for the assets so distributed or any part thereof.

Dated at Aurora this 11th day of December, A.D. 1944. Cecil Roy VanLuyen and James Hone, by their solicitor, Lorne C. Lee, Aurora, Ontario.

Social and Personal

(Continued From Page 1)

—Mr. and Mrs. Burt Hughes will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy DeLaffaye, Aurora, at Christmas.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bugler and family will spend Christmas in Aurora with Mrs. Bugler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Davis.

—Mr. Herb Cain, who plays for Boston Bruins' hockey team, is expected home on Friday to spend Christmas with his wife and family.

—Mr. Norman Huston and Mr. Lambert Huston, Kirkland Lake, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Max Cameron and family.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cockburn and family will spend Christmas in Guelph.

—Mr. Walter Armstrong, Ridgetown, will spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. W. G. Cooper, and Mr. Cooper and family.

—Rev. and Mrs. Robt. Dick and Mr. Bill Dick, Toronto, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dick and family.

—Miss Grace Doyle and Mrs. Irene Duncan attended the funeral of Mrs. Arthur Vollum in Toronto on Monday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Paton, Toronto, spent Sunday with Mr. Paton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Paton.

Miss Hattie Cutting, Toronto, spent the weekend with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. George West and two girls spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. West's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred West, Toronto.

Mrs. Dan Emmerson spent last week with her son, Mr. Oliver Emmerson, Nobleton.

The Christmas concert for S.S. 13 is being held tonight.

Miss Geer spent Saturday in Toronto and the weekend with her parents near Kettleby.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Emmerson and family of Nobleton spent Sunday with Mr. Emmerson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Emmerson.



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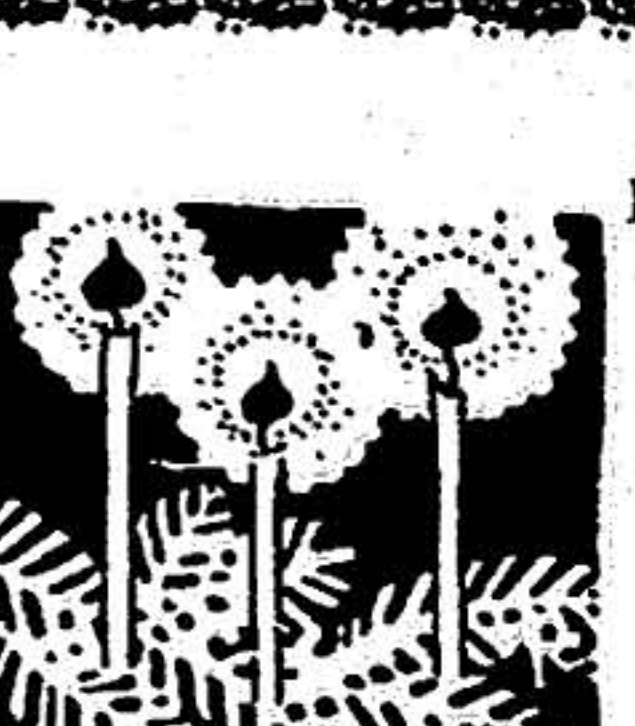
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